

## From the Pastor's Pen

"God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling.  
This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace ..."  
- 2 Timothy 1:9 -

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When you hear the term "vocation," you might think of a person's job - the work a person does as a profession; the labor someone performs to earn a living. This is a very common understanding of vocation, particularly in our context in the U.S. Occasionally, different types of applications or registrations will even ask for a person's "vocation." Vocation is frequently viewed as synonymous with one's occupation.

However, this is a fairly narrow notion of vocation. When our idea of vocation is limited to an occupation, first, it immediately excludes those who are not employed - young people, older people, those who are unable to work. Suddenly there are many people who fundamentally cannot have a vocation. But, we also lose the power and potential this word holds for us, as people of faith. Vocation has long been an important concept for followers of Jesus, and a more expansive understanding of vocation contains great possibility for us.

The word vocation comes from the Latin word, *vocatio*, which means "calling." About vocation, pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, "The call of Jesus Christ is the call to belong to Christ completely ... vocation comprises work with things and issues as well as personal relations. ... Vocation ... is the whole response of the whole person to reality as a whole." With this understanding of vocation in mind, we can see how each of us has many vocations. We have vocations as children, parents, spouses, friends, neighbors, and citizens. Our various callings inform our behavior in our homes, schools, workplaces, churches, organizations, and communities. We are called to use our God-given talents and abilities to love and serve others in every realm of our lives.

In March, we introduced Trinity's stewardship initiative for this year, "Stewards of God's Love." We had special worship services on March 10th in which we pondered what it means for us to be a faith community who views ourselves as stewards of the love God first offers to us. We also had some fun together dur-



ing coffee hour, as we reflected on some of the ways we are already doing this at Trinity. God's love for the whole world was revealed to us through his Son, Jesus, the light of the world, and we are called to shine the light within us - to share God's love with others.

Our stewardship theme for the month of May will be "Stewards of Talents." God has blessed each of us with unique gifts and calls us to utilize our talents, in all of our vocations, for the sake of our neighbor. In the coming weeks, be watching for more information and activities to help us consider this idea together. Then, on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, we will explore this more with an exceptional worship experience at both services. I hope you'll join us as we continue to ponder what it looks like for us to be stewards of God's amazing love.

Blessings.

*Pastor Steve*

**Stewards of  
God's Love**

## Summer Worship Schedule

The summer worship schedule begins on May 26. Summer worship will be at 9:30 on Sundays. This schedule will remain in effect through September 1.

# Unapproved April Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Church Council meeting  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Pastor Steven Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Tom Farrell, Vice president Kurt Christiansen, Secretary Nancy Sabbe, Karen Giles, Dani Ruhd, Shelly Balogh, Lucas Muller, Marie Millage, Walker Ruhd, Curtis King, Darrel Presuhn, Eric Anderson, Stacy Tomson, Jean Mitchell, Alicia Koch with Virginia Lemme joining remotely  
Absent and excused: Melody Hansen

The Council recited Trinity’s mission statement.

President Tom Farrell gave the devotions challenging the Council members to be Easter people bringing hope to the world.

Pastor Steve prayed the opening prayer.

Motion by Darrell Presuhn, seconded by Patti Weber, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Anderson, seconded by Lucas Muller, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, meeting as written. Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

President Tom Farrell gave the following report as of March 31, 2024:

General Fund Offering	\$95,476.18
Expenses	\$103,144.61
Expenses over giving	(\$7,668.43)

He noted that the offering in March was very generous, and expenses have been managed well.

A 7-month CD in the amount of \$1,928.00 was purchased with I Am In campaign funds.

Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Patti Weber, to acknowledge the Financial Report. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

Pastor Steve submitted a written report.

Deacon Koren submitted a written report and added that Trinity’s Preschool is celebrating its 30th anniversary. The students will present a program on April 25 and 26 at 10:30 a.m.

President Tom Farrell

- introduced Kurt Christiansen who will serve as vice-president.
- noted that the e-news is now bi-weekly.
- Pastor Steve has introduced Sign-up Genius as an option to volunteer to usher, be a greeter, lector, etc.
- have had a good response to the advertisements for the custodian position and will have a proposal soon.

Vice-president Kurt Christiansen had no report.

Board of Deacons—Patti Weber reporting

- response to the Holy Week services has been positive.
- working to re-activate the Care Team and will be contacting individuals soon.
- volunteers will assist in maintaining the Thursday afternoon coffee time.
- the group meeting for home communion at Peaceful Pines is growing.
- cake will be served during coffee hour on Senior Sunday, May 12.
- the board voted to subscribe to Canva at a cost of \$120.00 per year.
- Lucas Muller and Deacon Koren are looking at free task management software.
- Lucas Muller has approached the event coordinator at DSU about opportunities for outreach to the students. There is an opportunity to reserve a table in the Trojan Center which will be considered for the beginning of the fall semester.

Board of Trustees—Eric Anderson reporting

- Marie Millage donated a television to replace the television in the Narthex.
- the back door has been replaced. It is difficult to open, but it’s working.
- will be seeking bids for repair of the roof in the narthex which has a slow leak.
- there is a plumbing problem in the preschool.
- Stewards of Talents will be the next focus of the Stewardship Committee beginning on May 19.

# Unapproved April Council Meeting Minutes

- Board of Parish Education—Dani Ruhd reporting
- discussed upcoming programs—Senior Sunday, Vacation Bible School, 2024-25 Sunday School.

Pastor Steve invited the Council members to create a sample mission statement for Trinity as a team building activity. This was an activity to foster creativity and to get the Council thinking about who we are, and what we are called to do as a faith community. This wasn't part of a formal visioning process.

## BUSINESS

Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Marie Millage, to approve the contracts for preschool personnel for the 2024–25 school year. This includes a salary of \$33,418 plus setting aside \$300 per month for benefits for the teacher and a wage of \$15.25 per hour for a part time assistant.

Motion carried.

The Board of Deacons and the office staff are working to cover the duties of the office receptionist. The Celebration Team will be searching for a drummer. Steve Millage is assisting with the live-streaming of the weekly services.

Two additional suggestions for using the tithe of the Hanneman Endowment were offered. They are the Banquet in Sioux Falls and the Bethel Home.

Service group leaders have problems contacting people. Their calls and texts are often not answered. Patti Weber is considering bringing the group leaders together to discuss ways to encourage the groups to become more active.

The South Dakota Synod Assembly will convene in June. Walker and Dani Ruhd will attend as delegates. Trinity is eligible to have one additional delegate at large, one youth delegate 16–21 years old, and one delegate who is a person of color.

President Tom Farrell asked how the new meeting format is working. Board chairmen were reminded to notify Pastor Steve, President Tom Farrell, Vice-president Kurt Christiansen, and/or Alex Eykamp of the time and location of Board meetings. If the meeting is to be held in the church, Alex Eykamp will reserve space for the meeting.

Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Darrel Presuhn, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned. The Council prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Sabbe, secretary



Sunday School students will enjoy ice cream sundaes during their last class of the year!



Join us as at your choice of the 8:45 a.m. or 11 a.m. worship services as we pray over our 2024 high school seniors and gift them with their senior quilts! There will be cake and ice cream in the fellowship hall between services.

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays  Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday		
05  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:00AM - 11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 10:00AM - 10:50AM Last Day of Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms</li> <li>• 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	06  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM Women's Book Study : Fireside Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Scouts Meeting : Youth Room</li> </ul>	07  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Day of T/R AM Preschool : Sonshine Preschool Room</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> </ul>
12  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jingle Change</li> <li>• 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship w/Blessing of HS Seniors : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:00AM - 11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship w/Blessing of HS Seniors : Sanctuary</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>	13  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM Scouts Meeting : Youth Room ; Women's Book Study : Fireside Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	14  <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>
19 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:00AM - 11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	20  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Women's Book Study : Fireside Room ; Scouts Meeting : Youth Room</li> </ul>	21  <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>
26 <i>The Holy Trinity</i>  <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>	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office Closed</li> <li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM Women's Book Study : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	28  <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>

# 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>01</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00PM - 5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 5:30PM - 6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 6:30PM - 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room</li> <li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room</li> </ul>	<p>02</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Day of T/R PM Preschool : Sonshine Preschool Room</li> <li>• 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	<p>03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Day of MWF Preschool : Sonshine Preschool Room</li> <li>• 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> <li>• 8:00AM - 4:00PM Pre-school Graduation Prep. : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 12:00PM Office Closes at Noon</li> </ul>	<p>04</p>
<p>08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00PM - 5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 5:30PM - 6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room</li> </ul>	<p>09 <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00PM - 6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 6:00PM - 7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00PM - 5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 5:30PM - 6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 6:30PM - 8:30PM Preschool Board Meeting : Conference Room</li> <li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p>25</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> <li>• 4:30PM - 5:30PM Wedding Rehearsal : Sanctuary</li> <li>• SD Synod Assembly (OS)</li> </ul>	

### Music Ministry Contacts

Sunday School Choir (Grades 1–5)  
Stacey Riedel 605-270-1233

Cherub Choir Ages (Preschool & Kindergarten)  
Tami Christiansen 605-480-0727

Epiphany Bell Choir (high school & adults)  
Diane Plack 605-270-0691

Chancel Choir (Grades 5–8)  
Tami Christiansen 605-480-0727  
Jennifer Briggs 605-480-1870

Adult Choir  
Diane Plack 605-270-0691

Deacon for Worship & Music/Celebration Team  
Virginia Lemme 605-270-1845

### 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 3/31/2024

The year-to-date statistics are:

Your General Fund Offering	\$ 95,476.18
Expenses	<u>\$103,144.61</u>
Expenses over Giving	(\$ 7,668.43)

### 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.

### Summer Camp Scholarships Available

\$200 per student

Contact Deacon Koren for scholarship information.

LOSD registration is happening now!

Check out camp schedules and information, including another scholarship option from LOSD at <https://www.losd.org/>

### Notice of May Worship Schedule Change

Saturday evening worship in May has been moved from the 4th to the 11th. The Communion weekend has also been moved from the 1st weekend to the 2nd weekend in May.

### Custodian Hired

The Trinity Council is pleased to announce that we have hired Andrea Liddell as our new part-time custodian! Andrea is an experienced cleaner, who has worked in a variety of different settings. We feel she will be a great addition to our team. If you see her around, please take the opportunity to welcome Andrea to our staff. As is the case with all of our staff, we ask that you please refrain from approaching Andrea with any concerns outside of her work hours. These concerns can be communicated to the office and we will pass them along. Thank you!

### Help Wanted

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

*Serve the*  
**LORD**  
*with*  
**GLADNESS**

# Stewards of God's Love



South Dakota Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of the Risen One, Christ our Lord!

This year's Synod Assembly theme is "Connect (ed)." Every year post-assembly I talk to God's people one theme stands out; "I didn't know how connected we are as the ELCA." We took this discovery and made it our theme for this year's assembly.

The spotlight will be on our partners across the state, nation, and world. Instead of keynote speakers, we will offer thematic panel conversations. The sit-down dinner will give way to a Peter Mayer concert on the Augustana University campus, where simultaneously food trucks will offer culinary choices complete with SDSU ice cream. This open concept of gathering will allow visitors from the community, maybe even your community, to join in the fun and provide a relaxed atmosphere to connect with those partners you had heard in the panel conversations earlier that day. The planning team hopes you will leave the assembly with a deeper sense of connectedness across the church and inspire your community to seek out or strengthen an intentional partnership with those you have met.

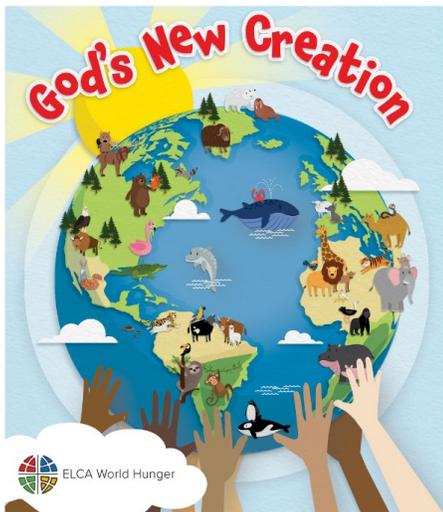
Of course, we will have business to take care of and resolutions to vote on. This brings me to the last newsworthy item. We will change how we vote. Instead of renting voting devices, we will switch to electronic voting via phone, tablet, or laptop. This can cause anxiety amongst those attending the assembly as voting members. I assure you that before the assembly we will have online training sessions. Once we are in assembly we practice until everyone confidentially participates.

I look forward to welcoming you to the assembly as a visitor or guest. A registration link for those attending will open shortly. Check on assembly-related news in your weekly e-news.

Journeying in Christ with you,  
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier  
Bishop of the SD Synod

God has given each of us unique gifts and talents. One of the primary places that God has called us to use these gifts and talents is through our vocations. Our vocations may take the form of a job, but they also include our callings as mothers, fathers, sisters, friends, citizens and so much more. These vocations or callings are the place from which we love God and our neighbors. We want to see all the ways you are being Stewards of God's Love in your assorted callings! Take a selfie (or other photo) of you, or someone else, stewarding God's love in your different vocations, and send it to Trinity's stewardship team at this email address: [photos.tlcmadison@gmail.com](mailto:photos.tlcmadison@gmail.com). We will then share these with our Trinity family, in conjunction with our May stewardship theme, "Stewards of Talents." Thank you and HAVE FUN!

### Trinity Lutheran Church-VBS 2024



**SAVE THE DATES!!!**  
**June 24-27**  
**evenings**

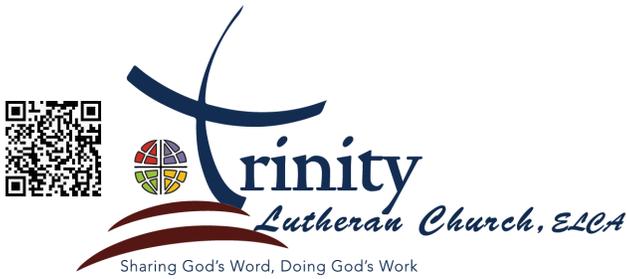
**For Preschool through 2nd grade!**

**More info coming soon!**  
**(Including info about opportunities for older grades!**

We are making some changes with VBS this year to better serve our kids and families! Watch for updates such as registration forms and opportunities for our older kids coming soon!



Thank you to Roger Moose, Tom and Joyce Farrell, Susan Williams, and Roberta and Ron Janke for serving Home Communion in April.



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 May Mission of the Month is Bethel Lutheran Home. Opened in March 1962, Bethel's services today include skilled nursing, assisted living, and senior housing. Trinity is one of the 11 Lutheran churches who own and operate this social ministry organization of the ELCA.

*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 May is canned soup. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

### Congregational Information

**Deaths:** Barbara Hanson on April 8

**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