

Deacon's Discourse

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34–35 (ESV)

In today's busy, often overstimulating world, what catches your attention? What makes you stop what you are doing and take a minute to enjoy or wonder? Maybe it's a beautiful sunrise or sunset, or perhaps it's hearing a favorite song. Maybe it's the sound of laughter coming from another room or even the sound of pure silence when you are home alone. Whatever it might be, we often want to stop and witness or know more about this attention grabbing moment.

Last month, we kicked off another year of learning and growing in our faith life together as God's children. Trinity family and friends, we also caught the attention of a whole lot of people in a wonderful and unexpected way! Yet, if we read and ponder the words of John 13:34–35, we should not be surprised at all. Because showing God's love as a community of believers makes people stop what they are doing and take notice.

September brought us Rally Sunday and the refresh of our long-time service groups. Under the direction of Patti Weber, we now have the Fruit of the Spirit family groups which will work to serve not only on Sundays before worship as greeters and during fellowship hour as servers and providers of treats and coffee, but in their own creative ways to show God's love. Each group has their own gifts and talents, and we are looking forward to seeing how each group chooses to use those gifts and talents to show God's love throughout the year.

Rally Sunday also began the start of our choirs and Sunday School classes. We are happy to be bringing back the Covenant Choir, and we are already thinking ahead to bigger worship gatherings such as Hanging of the Greens in a new and refreshed way. The Sunday School classrooms are full to the brim once again with smiling children ready to learn about God and share God with others, and teachers (new and veteran) ready to take on that challenge and share their gifts with these young people of God. They are also excited to have new class names that

connect with the service groups. Let's just say we have a fruity theme going on this year at Trinity!

Trinity Lutheran Preschool caught the attention of the community with a float in this year's DSU parade. The preschool children worked hard to paint signs and dig out their TLP t-shirts and DSU gear for an awesome Saturday morning. If you didn't notice this trailer full of sweet preschoolers riding on hay bales, you must have been looking the other way! They were full of smiles and waves, a few random songs, and the goodness of God was shining bright!

Finally, we had our God's Work, Our Hands day at Bethel. Words cannot describe the ways the Spirit was moving! Trinity had a large crew of folks cleaning up the outside area while another large group was inside painting birdhouses with residents, visiting them in their rooms and in the common spaces, and expressing our care and love for the people of Bethel. No one was too young or too old for this event, and it was amazing!

Trinity family and friends, this was just the month of September! Let's continue to show up strong as God's beloved children and show our hearts to each other, our community, and the larger world. When we love God and one another, people can't help but take notice of the light coming from within us. Let's keep God's love and light shining bright for all to see!

Deacon Koren



Trinity volunteers gather for a photo before heading to Bethel Lutheran Home on God's Work, Our Hands Day, 9/15/24.

Unapproved September Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Church Council Meeting
 Tuesday, September 10, 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 Steven Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Tom Farrell, Vice-president Kurt Christiansen, Nancy Sabbe, Alicia Koch, Dani Ruhd, Karen Giles, Virginia Lemme, Patti Weber, Lucas Muller, Darrel Presuhn, Walker Ruhd, Marie Millage

Absent and excused: Shelly Balogh, Stacy Thomson, Eric Anderson, Jean Mitchell, Melody Hansen

Vice-president Kurt Christiansen read a devotion speaking about Holy Waiting and reminding those present to pray for patience and be content while waiting for God’s will to be done. Pastor Steve opened the meeting with prayer.

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

The Council heard presentations from the partners in ministry being considered as recipients of the tithe of the Hannemann fund. Beth Himley, Trinity Preschool, presented the preschool’s plan to replace the existing outdoor playground equipment. Jona Schmidt spoke about the Bethel Home’s mission and priorities and enumerated some of the current needs at the facility. Beth Delzer presented information from the Trinity Foundation. The Foundation no longer has the finances to support foreign missions. \$10,000 is necessary to create an endowment to support foreign missions within the Foundation. The Council will continue to discuss these options in October and make a decision by November. The Council’s recommendation will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Lucas Muller, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024, meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Tom Farrell gave the following report:
 As of August 31, 2024

General Fund Offering	\$209,033.80
Expenses	\$253,062.52
Expenses over Offering	\$44,028.72

The 7-month \$100,000 CD came due on September 9. Motion by Tom Farrell, seconded by Marie Millage to transfer \$50,000 to the Money Market Account and

invest the remaining \$50,000 in a 7-month CD at rate of 4.75% with First Bank and Trust. Motion by Kurt Christiansen, seconded by Darrel Presuhn, to amend the motion to split the \$50,000 into two \$25,000 CDs as long as the interest rate remains at 4.75%. Motion to amend the original motion carried. The amended motion carried.

Deacon Koren made the following motion clarifying who has access to the Preschool’s venmo account: that First Bank and Trust allow the following privileges for Trinity Lutheran Preschool’s account ending 5842: Katie Nelson, Full control. Natae Johnson (Preschool Board President), View only. Kirsten Thuringer (Preschool Treasurer), View only. Motion seconded by Dani Ruhd. Motion carried.

Motion by Kurt Christiansen, seconded by Virginia Lemme, to acknowledge the Financial Report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Steve reported

- They are making adjustments to the custodian’s schedule.
- They are making the transition to continue working with Katie Nelson who has moved to Sisseton.
- We are back to two services on Sunday morning.
- He is working on the meal and worship service for those participating in the God’s Work, Our Hands event on September 15.
- Plans are being made for Confirmation and Reformation Sunday.
- The confirmation classes are off to a good start. Confirmation guides and students would like more class time.
- High school youth are also meeting.
- He is beginning preparations for Advent.
- There continue to be many needs for pastoral care.

Deacon Koren reported

- Rally Sunday was a success. There are currently 88 Sunday School students and 17 teachers.
- There are 36 confirmation students and 7 guides. There is the potential to confirm 19 this year.
- She received a gift of \$500 to use to purchase books for the very young. She is applying for a grant through the synod which also emphasizes services to the very young.
- The question of adding time to the weekly confirmation classes was discussed further. The possibility of adding an additional 15 minutes was considered.

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President Tom Farrell had nothing additional to report.

Vice-president Kurt Christiansen had no report.

Board of Trustees—Walker Ruhd reporting

- They have received only one viable quote for insurance. It is through First Madison Insurance with Acuity, and the annual premium will be around \$27,000. The current premium for a policy also with Acuity is \$20,000. The new policy will insure Trinity for total replacement. Because the current policy will expire on September 27, 2024, the Trustees were instructed to get coverage by Acuity through First Madison Insurance as soon as possible.
- Avera offers AEDs for \$1,582 per unit plus \$150 to mount the cabinet. To purchase the same unit out-of-pocket is \$2,436. To replace the pads in our existing units will cost \$978 for both units.
- The air conditioner in the Fellowship Hall and the north upper unit in the sanctuary are not working properly. Andy from A & M Mechanical will come to take look at them.
- Walker is looking for a local company to make a ladder lock for the exterior ladder that has been mounted in the preschool playground. A ladder lock is available at Amazon for \$300.
- Still waiting for an answer regarding repair of the trim on the window above the Narthex.

Board of Parish Education—Dani Ruhd reporting

- The Board will order cake to be served on Confirmation Sunday.
- Rally Sunday was a success.
- Planning for a fall youth project and for Halloween is ongoing.

Board of Deacons—Virginia Lemme reporting

- The choirs are rehearsing. Two additional directors are needed.
- The Hanging of the Greens will be on December 1.
- In August, Trinity fed 160 DSU athletes and provided meals for 260 at the Gathering.
- The requests for home communion are growing as the Care Team begins visiting members.
- The refresh of the service groups has been well received. One additional group leader is needed.
- Invitations to the 80's Birthday Party, Monday, September 16, have been sent.
- Trinity and St John Lutheran are partnering to reach the DSU student population. The student response to this initiative has been encouraging.

- Lucas Muller is working on videos that will illustrate volunteer responsibilities for lectors, greeters, communion assistants, ushers, etc.

Membership at Trinity Committee—Virginia Lemme reporting

- The committee has met. They are discussing how to be more inclusive of nonmembers who are attending Trinity.

God's Work, Our Hands Committee—Dani Ruhd reporting

- All the arrangements have been made, and 111 people have signed up to participate.

OLD BUSINESS (conducted during Financial Report)

NEW BUSINESS

- President Tom Farrell reported that the financial information to be used in developing the 2025 mission plan has been sent to the Board chairmen. The goal is to have the mission plan completed in November.
- Pastor Steve announced that there is a chairman for the Nominating Committee which will be meeting later in September.
- The new constitution will be ratified at the 2025 annual meeting.
- President Tom Farrell reviewed the Portico insurance benefits for the pastor, deacon, and office manager. Motion by Tom Farrell, seconded by Dani Ruhd, to continue with the Gold + Plan for 2025. Motion carried.
- Motion by Tom Farrell, seconded by Patti Weber, to change the date of the October 2024 Council meeting to the third Tuesday, October 15. Motion carried.
- President Tom Farrell suggested that the meeting agenda be posted in the church in advance of the meeting.
- Vice-president Kurt Christiansen announced that the Trinity Foundation will accept grant applications from October 1 through October 31. Awards will be announced in November.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.


Motion to adjourn by Kurt Christiansen. Seconded by Deacon Koren. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sabbe, secretary

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Sundays Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday		01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Pack 5 Committee Meeting : Fire-side Room
06 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship w/Quilt & Kit Blessing : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship w/Quilt & Kit Blessing : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–12:30PM Quilts & Mission Kits Sent Off • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Bear Den Meeting : Youth Room • 7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall 	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jingle Change, Operation Christmas Child Kickoff • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 3:30PM–6:00PM 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat : Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary • 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Fellowship Hall 	14 <i>Native American Day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Closed, No Preschool • 7:00PM–8:00PM Bear Den Meeting : Youth Room • 7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 12:00PM–1:00PM 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 : Fire-side Room • 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 4:00PM–6:00PM Confirmation Pictures & Rehearsal : Sanctuary 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00AM–5:00PM Fall Conferences–No Preschool : Conference Room • 7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00AM–5:00PM Fall Conferences–No Preschool : Conference Room • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18
27 <i>Reformation & Confirmation Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship w/Confirmation : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship w/Confirmation : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Bear Den Meeting : Youth Room • 7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Pack 5 Committee Meeting : Fire-side Room

2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>02</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:00PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Nominating Committee Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>05</p> <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
<p>09</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:00PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Stewardship Committee Meeting : Fireside Room 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:00AM–12:00PM Charles Lundholm Memorial Service : Sanctuary
<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:00PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Pack 5 Meeting: Halloween Party : Fellowship Hall 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>19</p>
<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:00PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>26</p>
<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:00PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 6:30PM–7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>31 <i>Reformation Day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Grant Applications Due • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall 		



Thank you to Susan Williams, Karen Giles, Jon & Mary Hunter, Karen Kalvig, and Bobbi & Ron Janke for serving Home Communion in September.

**9th Grade Confirmand Information
(see 9/13 email for details)**

Sunday, October 13th from 3:30–6 p.m.-9th Grade Confirmation Retreat (FH)

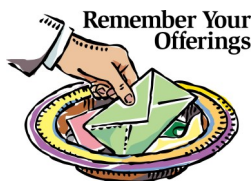
Sunday, October 20th from 4 p.m.–6 p.m.- Confirmation Pictures & Rehearsal

Sunday, October 27th at both services- Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)

Students will be leading worship this day! Cake will be served in the Fellowship Hall between services. You only need to attend the service you signed up for!



Trinity Lutheran Preschool staff, students, and friends participated in the DSU Trojan Days Homecoming parade on Saturday, September 14, 2024.



**Financial Response
as of 8/31/2024**

The year-to-date statistics are:

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Expenses over Offering	(\$ 44,028.72)

The Fruit of the Spirit

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Attention!

The refresh of the Family Groups is now completed. If you did not get the mailing with a magnet enclosed telling what Family Group you belong to, please call the Trinity office with your current mailing information.

October Coffee Hour

The October Coffee Hours will be hosted by the Family of Self-Control. Family Group Leader, Mary Hutchinson, will be contacting you. Your help is always appreciated ~ Thank you!

FYI ~ November Coffee Hours will be hosted by the Family of Love.

Need a Ride to Church?

East Dakota Transit is now offering extended hours for Sunday services, from 8 a.m.–noon. Their service is wheelchair accessible, Medicaid accepted, and seniors (60+) ride free in town. Anyone can ride, but children under four years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Schedule a ride by calling 605-256-5810, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials
September 2024

In Honor of Myron Downs 85th Birthday
Clara Downs

In Memory of Pastor Jim Christopherson
Peggy Hoff

In Memory of Homer Stensrud
Peggy Hoff

In Memory of Marv Olson
Peggy Hoff

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.

In Memory of Dr. Homer Stensrud

There will be a graveside committal service for Dr. Homer (Stens) Stensrud at Graceland Cemetery at 2:00 on Saturday, October 5, 2024.

All are invited to a gathering afterward at the home of Jon and Mary Hunter, 823 NE 5th Street, Madison to visit with Helen.



**Come to Church
this Sunday**

Upcoming Grant Applications

Faith In Action Grants

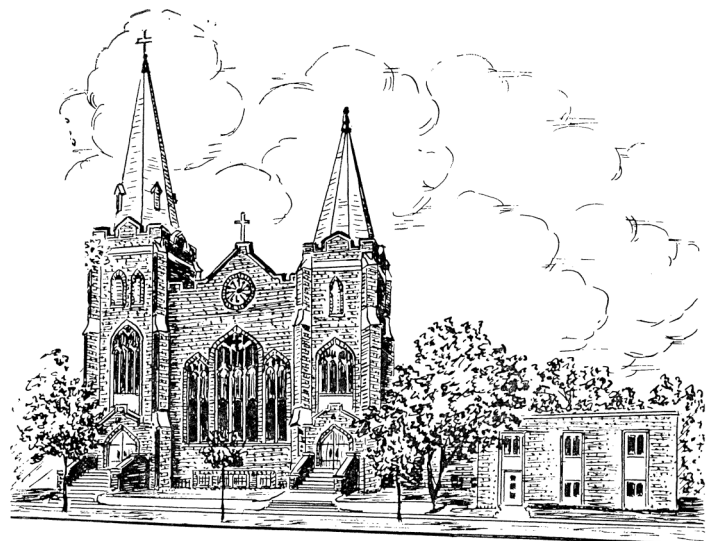
The only criteria for a grant award is that the project or organization must further the missions and ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church and is not being funded by Trinity's general operating budget. The possibilities are endless! This is an opportunity for anyone -- individuals, Boards, choirs, committees, youth groups and others. Applications are due on or before October 31, 2024.

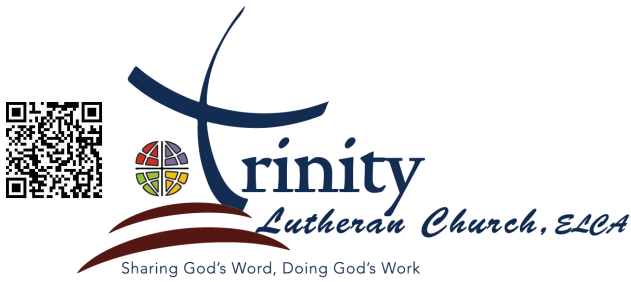
Hazel Johnson Endowment

The established purpose of the Endowment was to provide support for missions, both global and within the United States (including local). The donor did not restrict the type of missions to be supported. Based on the requests, the Foundation will attempt to allocate some support to global missions, as well as those within the United States. The Foundation Commission's last grant was for global missions. Applications are due on or before October 31, 2024.

Applications can be obtained from the Church office, Church Website or e-mail Tom Farrell at retiredtom.farrell@gmail.com or Alex Eykamp at officemanager@tlcmadison.com.

Applications must be returned to the church office no later than **October 31, 2024** and **only requests submitted on completed application forms will be considered**, with awards determined in late November.





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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 October Mission of the Month is Domestic Abuse Network, Madison. Our donations help support our local center, who serves women and children impacted by domestic abuse. Men are also served but are transported to a center in Sioux Falls. *Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes/checks to Mission of the Month Fund. The Jingle Change collection on October 13 also supports the Mission of the Month.*

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for October is laundry soap. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Harold Mellom on September 18

Charles Lundholm on September 22

Adelyne Stearns on September 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