

From the Pastor's Pen

"The truly happy person ... [loves] the Lord's Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!"

- Psalm 1:1-2 -

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the last six or seven years, one of my most consistent spiritual practices has been praying with the Psalms in the morning before I begin my day. While the busyness, responsibilities, and distractions of this life will occasionally disrupt this pattern, I do maintain this practice most days. In the last couple of years, I have been noticing just how closely Jesus' teachings align with the Psalms, and I have been reflecting on this fascinating and unexpected insight.

It began one morning as I was meditating on a stanza from Psalm 141, which reads "Do not turn my heart to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with those who work iniquity ..." I thought this sounded an awful lot like a phrase from Matthew 6, when Jesus is teaching the disciples what we now call "The Lord's Prayer" "And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from evil." So, I began paying attention to this, and it didn't take long before I had discovered Psalms that align with all of the phrases in this prayer. It seems as though Jesus was teaching his disciples to pray with the Psalms.

As time went on, I began to recognize this connection with many of Jesus' instructions throughout his ministry. Jesus teaches on the themes of hope, faith, trust, and justice. He tells the people not to be afraid, or to worry. All of these themes are contained in this ancient collection of songs and prayers. I guess this really shouldn't be surprising. After all, Jesus was a Jew and would have been raised ruminating and reflecting on the Hebrew scriptures. Nonetheless, this notion has broadened my understanding of Jesus' ministry, the Christian scriptures, and the life of faith.

Recently, I added a new ritual to my morning prayer routine. I was inspired to begin writing a daily Haiku in response to my time reflecting on the Psalm for that day. While I am far from being a poet, there is something about Haikus that just works for me. They are brief and structured ... simple and yet can hold a depth of meaning. This exercise has opened up new paths in my mind and in my soul, as I continue on my own journey along the way of Jesus. I wonder how the Holy Spirit might be inviting you to step outside of your comfort zone in order to cultivate new life and growth as you abide with the Word made flesh.

*each day is its own
every moment a fresh start
a chance to be you*

Blessings.

Pastor Steve



Unapproved August Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Church Council Meeting
 Tuesday, August 13, 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, Stacy Thomsen, Dani Ruhd, Melody Hansen, Alicia Koch, Lucas Muller, Jean Mitchell, Karen Giles, Patti Weber, Marie Millage, Darrel Presuhn, Eric Anderson, Walker Ruhd

Absent and excused: Shelly Balogh, Virginia Lemme

Vice-president Kurt Christiansen led a devotion about light challenging the members to remain close to Christ, the true light.

Pastor Steve opened the business meeting with prayer.

Two items were added to the printed agenda: in new business, Katie Nelson, Trinity's treasurer, is moving and in old business, the Board of Parish Education requested that the lock box item from July be revisited. Motion by Darrel Presuhn, seconded by Eric Anderson, to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

Motion by Patti Weber, seconded by Jean Mitchell, to approve the minutes of July 9, 2024. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Tom Farrell gave the following report:
 Through July 31, 2024

General Fund Offering	\$191,552.99
Expenses	\$224,389.82
Expenses Over Offering	(\$ 32,857.83)

There have been no additional contributions to the I Am In campaign since May. To date, \$91,373.87 of the internal loan from the parsonage fund has been repaid. Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Deacon Koren, to acknowledge the financial report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Steve submitted a written report. He noted that the custodian's schedule will change with the beginning of preschool classes. The custodian will clean from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. to

clean the preschool. He expressed his thanks to Lutheran Outdoors for their assistance in making the trip to the National Youth Gathering a success. He suggested that if there is interest in attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2027, we should find a leader and begin planning for that event now.

Deacon Koren submitted a written report.

President Tom Farrell had no report.

Vice-president Kurt Christiansen had no report.

Board of Parish Education: Dani Ruhd reported

- They have reviewed the summer activities and the dates for fall events.
- They need 4 to 5 additional Sunday School teachers.

Board of Deacons: Patti Weber reported

- The Worship and Music committee will meet on August 24 and will discuss the Hanging of the Greens service.
- The jingle change offering for St. Dysmas totaled \$282.91.
- The Board of Deacons will serve the Gathering on August 26, and the sign-up for Feeding the DSU athletes has been posted.
- The refresh of the service groups will be introduced at the worship services on September 8.
- The 80s Birthday Party is scheduled for September 16
- The number of requests for home communion has increased as the Care Team begins making contacts.
- Trinity will have a presence at the DSU Student Activities Fair.

Board of Trustees: Eric Anderson reported

- Walker Ruhd has replaced the rubber sweep on the door to the courtyard. He is investigating a problem in the stairwell in the southwest corner of the building.
- 1st Madison Insurance has notified the church that they will no longer write policies for churches. The Board of Trustees will look for a new, local provider.
- The costs for the services provided by Infotech have been increasing. The Board will research other options for similar service.
- The Avera Heart Hospital has a grant program for the purchase of AEDs. Marie Millage is looking into this.
- Pastor Steve and Alex Eykamp have new computers.
- Four LifeVac units have been ordered and in-

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stalled in the kitchen, youth room, the kitchenette off the Fireside Room, and the preschool.

- A bill from ARS for the work on the roof is expected. They may be called back to do additional work on the fascia around the stained-glass window on the east side and on the membrane above the offices.
- The air conditioner for the offices is fixed.

Membership Committee will meet on August 28.

Patti Weber introduced the following proposed Kitchen Policy:

Trinity Lutheran Church Kitchen Policy

For liability and health reasons, no child under the age of 18 years old will be allowed to work in the kitchen unless accompanied by a parent, custodial guardian, or an adult in a supervisor role of a church affiliated student activity. All persons working in the kitchen will follow standard hand washing and food preparation guidelines. Adults only will be using the Bunn Coffee maker as recommended on the machine because of scalding hot water resulting in severe burns. Adults will need to serve the coffee unless prior permission is given by a supervising adult. Be courteous to our Trinity family if you are currently sick and stay home. If you have recently been ill, let someone else handle the food.

Motion by Jean Mitchell, seconded by Walker Ruhd, to accept the proposed Kitchen Policy effective September 1. The policy will appear in the September newsletter and the e-news. Motion carried.

Fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. More help would be appreciated.

Dani Ruhd reported on God's Work-Our Hands which will be held at the Bethel Home on Sunday, September 15. The projects planned for this event are mostly outdoors. T-shirts are available to order. Participants are asked to sign up by August 21. The meal previously planned to be served at Bethel will instead be served at Trinity.

The Trinity Care Team is beginning to contact members.

TEAM BUILDING

Pastor Steve read Galatians 5:16–23 and asked council members when the individual fruits of the spirit were seen at Trinity.

OLD BUSINESS

In addition to being the first day of Sunday School, the plan for Rally Sunday includes the installation of

Sunday School and confirmation teachers and the introduction of the refreshed service groups. Patti Weber will speak about the refresh at both services and will recognize the group leaders.

A lock box has been purchased. The Board of Education requested that the box be installed in the preschool hallway rather than near the office door. It will be used for preschool payments only since the preschool's operating procedures specify that only the Preschool Board President or the Preschool Board Treasurer may handle the preschool's money. Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Lucas Muller, to install the lock box in the preschool hallway for preschool use only. The Preschool Board President and the Preschool Board Treasurer are solely responsible for the contents of the lock box. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Each board was asked to bring options for the use of the tithe of the Hanneman funds to this meeting. The consensus was to divide the money available between the Bethel Home (\$5,128), scholarships for the Trinity Preschool (\$5,128), and returning \$10,000 back to the Trinity Foundation to support missions. This will be considered again in September.

Katie Nelson, Trinity's treasurer, is moving to Sisseton on September 1. She has presented a plan for continuing as treasurer through the end of the calendar year. The only potential problem identified so far is writing checks. The treasurer writes and signs the checks and beginning in September, will mail them to Trinity if she is not able to deliver them in person.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion to adjourn by Jean Mitchell and seconded by Patti Weber.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sabbe, secretary

Serve the
LORD
with
GLADNESS

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>01</p> <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 	<p>02 <i>Labor Day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Closed • No Preschool • 7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall 	<p>03</p> <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
<p>08 <i>Rally Sunday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit of the Spirit Service Groups Launch • Jingle Change • Installation of Sun. School Teachers & Conf. Guides • 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 • 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Fireside Room 	<p>09</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM Scouts Parent/Popcorn Meeting : Youth Room • 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–12:30PM God's Work, Our Hands Sunday : Fellowship Hall, Off Site (Bethel Lutheran Home) • No Regular Worship Services or Sunday School 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:00PM–4:00PM 80+ Birthday Party : Fellowship Hall • 7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>05</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–8:30PM Pack 5 Registration Night : Fellowship Hall 	<p>06</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>07</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00AM–10:00AM Care Team Meeting : Fireside Room • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
<p>11</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 • 6:00PM–6:30PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>14</p>
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<p>Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays</p> <p>Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday</p>			

God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday is the ELCA’s annual day of service. Trinity Lutheran will be participating on Sunday, September 15th. We will be doing our “morning” of service with Bethel Lutheran Home in Madison! Here are the details! Stay tuned for a signup form! Thank you so much for considering giving your time to the campus and residents of Bethel!

Everyone meets at 8:45 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall for prayer time and directives for the day. You can choose what option will work best for you and your family!

Option 1

*9:00–9:45 @ Trinity Fellowship Hall working on craft for the residents

*10:00–11:00 @ Bethel working on an activity with the residents (Bethel activity director planning this)

*11:15–12:30ish @ Trinity Fellowship Hall for lunch and worship

Option 2

*9:00–11:00 @ Bethel working outside on projects (Bethel personnel will give us the projects)

*11:15–12:30ish @ Trinity Fellowship Hall for lunch and worship



Thank you to Roger Moose, Karen Giles, Jon and Mary Hunter, Jennifer Briggs, and Karen Kalvig for serving Home Communion in August.

Mission Kits Reminder

Remember to return your personal care kits to the church office by Rally Sunday, Sept. 8.



Financial Response as of 7/31/2024

The year-to-date statistics are:

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*Watch for ways ALL ages can help in the kitchen in October’s newsletter!

September Coffee Hour

The September Coffee Hours will be hosted by the Family of Peace. Family Group Leaders ~ Scott & Beth Delzer and Karen Kalvig will be contacting you. Your help is always appreciated ~ Thank you!

FYI ~ October Coffee Hours will be hosted by the Family of Self-Control.

YOU’VE GOT MAIL ~ Coming Soon!!!

Coming to you the first week of September, before Rally Sunday, you will be receiving a letter explaining the refresh of the Family Groups and a “Fruit of the Spirit” magnet with your Family Group Fruit of the Spirit circled! On Rally Sunday during the church services the Group Leaders for each Family Group will be introduced. For Coffee Hour there will be a “Gathering” of each Family Group in the Fellowship Hall where you can get to know each other and thank your Leaders for their dedication. Save this magnet as a reminder of what Fruit of the Spirit Family Group you belong to!

Worship Schedule Changes

The summer worship schedule ends on September 1. The school year schedule begins on September 8, with Sunday worship services at 8:45 and 11:00.

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials

In Memory of Marvin Olson

Bill and Diane Bruns
Lana Johnson
Jim and Cheryl Iverson
Alvin Scott
David Hanson
Bob and Karen Hemre
Sharol Bargmann
Dave and Nancy Miller Gilbert
Gary and Shirley Barlow
Clara Downs
Marlys Schmidt
Nancy and Dennis Rook
Sharon and Mike Halseth
Tom and Joyce Farrell

In Memory of Merlyn Van Rosendale

Doug and Joan Merager
Linda Bruns
Todd and Susan Williams
Dennis and Carol Nordling
Nancy and Dennis Rook
Lana Johnson

In Memory of Bradley Plack

Lana Johnson
Myron and Diane Plack

In Memory of Doris Payne

Kristin and John Morse
Bill and Diane Bruns

In Memory of Pastor Jim Christopherson

Clara Downs
Lana Johnson

In Memory of LeRue Oleson

Clara Downs

In Memory of Barbara Hanson

Clara Downs

In Memory of Loxie Rowland

Clara Downs

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.

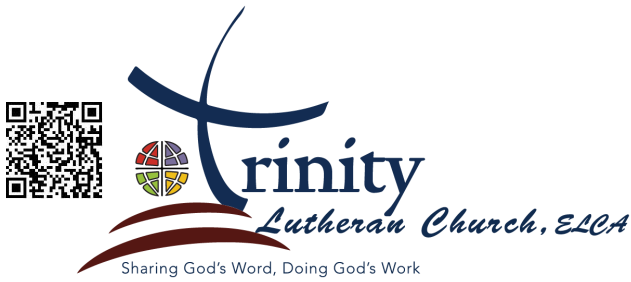
Music Ministry Opportunities

Please consider joining a choir at Trinity Lutheran Church this school year. We have several opportunities for you (listed on the calendar) and would love to have you join our groups. If you have any questions, please call the church office or call Virginia Lemme at 605-270-1845. Thank you so much, and we are looking forward to a wonderful year!



In Memory of Andy Hunter

With memorial money given in honor of Andy Hunter, Trinity Lutheran Church now has a beautiful urn pall available to use at funerals to cover an urn. The pall was designed and sewn by Ecclesiastical Sewing of Baxter, Minnesota of fabric woven in the UK. The fabric features the Luther Rose in white on white remembering the white worn at our Baptism and features a cloth-draped cross embroidered on the center, reminding us of our Resurrection through Christ. Andy Hunter was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church, baptized in 1993 and confirmed in 2007. He went to heaven February 1, 2023. Andy's family hopes that the message provided in this pall, the message of Resurrection and new life with Christ, might serve our family of Trinity Lutheran.



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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 September Mission of the Month is the Kid's Backpack Project, Madison. Begun by the Lake County Food Pantry, this program offers children a backpack with food on Fridays during the school year (September–May).

Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes/checks to Mission of the Month Fund. The Jingle Change collection on September 8 also supports the Mission of the Month.

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for September is canned meat. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Shawna Mellom on August 8

Baptisms: Genevieve Keesling on August 25

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