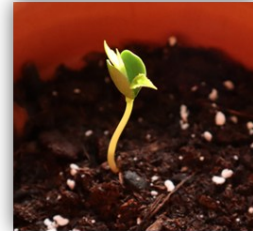


## From the Pastor's Pen

"God is the one who enables you both to want  
and to actually live out his good purposes."  
- Philippians 2:13 -



Dear Trinity Family,

Trinity Lutheran Church's mission statement, "Sharing God's Word. Doing God's Work." has provided our guiding vision in our ministry together for nearly fifteen years. In that time, so much has changed. We have seen dramatic shifts in our culture, community, and world, and in the larger church. The place and prominence of the church in society has changed. People's lives seem to be busier and busier, as we have a vast number of activities and entertainment options. In addition, technology, social media, and AI are now intimately integrated into our lives. We live in a very different world today.

In response, our faith community has evolved and adapted, as well. Our elected leadership serving on our restructured council and boards includes some new voices and perspectives. Deacon Koren and I have been serving alongside you in ministry for nearly three years. We have many new people and families getting involved in our ministry in various ways. With intentionality, we have modified some of our faith formation practices, finding innovative ways for folks of all ages to learn and grow together. We have integrated a deeper spirituality in all parts of our ministry. We have worked to discover ways to share the gospel through the technological tools available to us, including livestreaming worship and a more robust social media presence. Trinity's ministry looks quite different than it did fifteen years ago.

In light of all of the changes in our lives, our community, and our world, we believe this is an important time for the people of Trinity to discern a renewed vision for the future of our ministry together - to discover who God is calling us to be and what God is inviting us to do now, while remaining cognizant of where we have come from, and mindful of the core

values that have shaped our ministry to this point. God has done great things through the people of Trinity for nearly 135 years. The good news of God's love for the world has been proclaimed, faith has been formed in generations of people, and the sick, hurting, and vulnerable in our community have been cared for. Trinity has made a tremendous impact on our world.

This month, we will begin a visioning process - an intentional time of discernment. An awesome group of Trinity mission partners has been formed and has committed themselves to doing this work together. This group includes folks of diverse ages, backgrounds, perspectives, and gifts. The work of this group will not be a method of deciding what we want to do ... but rather a time of praying and listening for what God wants for us. At the end of this process, we will have a new vision and mission statement for Trinity Lutheran Church. This will help guide our life and ministry together, moving forward.

In this Easter season, as we celebrate the hope and power of resurrection life, and we remember that God is always making all things new, it is a poignant time for us to be reminded that this too is true for us, as a faith community, gathered in this particular time and place, doing our best to faithfully follow the way of Jesus. I am excited to be a part of this group and to see what God will do in our work together. In the coming months, please pray for our vision team and for the work of the Spirit in this process. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me. I would be happy to talk with you about the visioning process.

Blessings.

Pastor Steve

# Unapproved April Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

President Kurt Christiansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Voting members present: Pastor Steven Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Kurt Christiansen, Vice-president Virginia Lemme, Past president Tom Farrell, Dani Ruhd-Board of Faith Formation, Marie Millage-Board of Trustees designee, Tami Christiansen-Board of Deacons designee

Nonvoting members present: Darrel Presuhn, Secretary Nancy Sabbe

The Council recited Trinity's mission statement.

Dani Ruhd led the devotion entitled Two Kinds of People. Travelers are those folks looking outward, and home bodies are those who are invested in their own comfortable space. Both are necessary in congregations.

Pastor Steven Lindley opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion by Past president Tom Farrell, seconded by Vice-president Virginia Lemme, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Deacon Koren Lindley, seconded by Dani Ruhd, to correct the minutes of the March 11, 2025, meeting changing the third item in the report of the Board of Faith Formation to read "They voted to make a donation to Madison Central's Baccalaureate service." Motion carried.

Motion by Past president Tom Farrell, seconded by Marie Millage, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

- The general offering for March was \$38,026.44.
- The two \$25,000 CDs came due in March. They have been renewed for 6 months at an interest rate of 4.1%.
- Spending for custodial supplies and for the live-streaming technician was higher than usual through March.

Motion to acknowledge the Financial Report made by Vice-president Virginia Lemme. Seconded by Deacon Koren Lindley. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

Pastor Steven Lindley reported

- Walker Ruhd has repaired the dry wall around the door to the courtyard.
- All staff members are CPR certified and trained in the use of AEDs.
- He is working with Andrea Liddell to be sure essential tasks are completed.
- The bowl for the baptismal font may be ready by the end of the week.
- Lenten services went well and were well-attended.
- There has been a good response to the Palm Sunday service and the addition of the Celebrate inserts.
- Because it is difficult to find volunteers to be greeters, ushers, lectors, and communion assistants, he is considering some changes—for example, reading only the scripture he will preach on, collecting the offering in the rear of the sanctuary, and having the congregation usher themselves for communion. Council members suggested that perhaps the service groups could assume the responsibility of finding lectors and ushers. The congregation will be encouraged to look at the sign-up link.
- He reminded the Council that he will be gone in June for continuing education. His cohort is half-way through their study.
- He is planning a vacation in July.
- The confirmation classes assisted with the soup suppers and Lenten services.
- Deacon Koren Lindley delivered supplies and a cash donation to Jack's Cupboard.
- The men's ministry will not meet in May.
- The vision team has a meeting scheduled.

Deacon Koren Lindley added the following to her written report:

- Confirmation students participated in baking communion bread.
- She is visiting with the Preschool children about Holy Week.
- The older preschoolers will see the movie "King of Kings" at the theater on Wednesday this week.
- Holy Week in an Hour went well.

# Unapproved April Council Meeting Minutes

President Kurt Christianson thanked everyone who volunteered to assist with Holy Week activities.

Vice-president Virginia Lemme reported that the repairs to the keys on the piano in the sanctuary will be completed soon.

Marie Millage reported for the Board of Trustees.

- The Trustees received three quotes for replacing the windows in the Education Wing. The quotes contained inaccurate information and need additional clarification.
- Locations for the AED has been selected. It will be located on the east wall of the Narthex across from the elevator.

Dani Ruhd reported for the Board of Faith Formation.

- Plans for the next spotlight class have been made. They will be planting flowers in the outdoor planters.
- The last day of Sunday School will be May 4. Sundaes will be served to the Sunday School classes.
- The Board will serve fruit and pastries following the Sunrise Service.
- They are looking at possible dates for Vacation Bible School.
- Senior Sunday is May 11.

Tami Christiansen reported for the Board of Deacons.

- The cantors for the traditional service have been well-received.
- She thanked the musicians who have participated in the Lenten services.
- Soup suppers were well-attended.
- Karen Giles is making arrangements for pastors to fill in when Pastor Steven Lindley is away in June and July.
- Home communion will be delivered on the fourth Sunday in April.
- Trinity will serve the Gathering on June 16. Vice-president Virginia Lemme suggested that the Board apply for a grant from Thrivent to help cover the cost of the meal.
- There is a full color ad listing Holy Week services in *Leader Land* and the *Madison Daily Leader*.
- Lucas Muller is looking at Nucleus for the website. He thinks that Trinity has a contract with Factor 360 for the remainder of this year.

## TEAM BUILDING

Pastor Steven Lindley referred to the evening's devotion and asked the Council which kind of people, travelers or homebodies, make up Trinity's membership.

## OLD BUSINESS

- The search for live-stream technicians continues. There will be a notice in the newsletter and on Facebook.
- Options for replacing the windows in the education wing were discussed. No action was taken
- Motion by Past president Tom Farrell, seconded by Dani Ruhd, to approve Pastor Steven Lindley's request to revise his housing allowance. Motion carried. The change does not impact the 2025 Mission Plan.
- The process to set up a Venmo account continues. Based on the experience of the Preschool, it was suggested that the account be used for only one purpose initially.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Dani Ruhd, Walker Ruhd, and Vice-president Virginia Lemme are planning a Spring Clean-up for May 31.
- A Community Building Event will be held at Trinity on May 4.

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 13.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion to adjourn made by Past president Tom Farrell. Seconded by Vice-president Virginia Lemme. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Sabbe, secretary

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

## May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays Home Communion on the 4th Sunday		
04 <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 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> <li>5:00PM–7:00PM Community Building Event : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	05 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	06 <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>6:30PM–8:00PM Vision Team Meeting : Fireside Room</li> </ul>
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jingle Change</li> <li>8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship w/HS Senior Blessing : Sanctuary</li> <li>10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship w/HS Senior Blessing : Sanctuary</li> <li>12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> <li>No Men's Group</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	13 <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>6:00PM–6:45PM Board of Deacons Meeting : Fireside Room</li> <li>7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
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25 <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>	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office Closed</li> </ul>	27 <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> </ul>

## 2025

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Day of TR Preschool : Sonshine Preschool Room</li> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 6:30PM–7:30PM Bear Den Meeting : Youth Room</li> </ul>	02 <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>• 10:30AM–11:00AM MWF A.M. Preschool Graduation : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 3:00PM–3:30PM MWF P.M. Preschool Graduation : Sanctuary</li> </ul>	03 <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>
07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00PM–5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 5:45PM–6:30PM Care Team Meeting : Fireside Room</li> <li>• 6:30PM–7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room</li> <li>• 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room</li> </ul>	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 6:30PM–7:30PM Bear Den Meeting : Youth Room</li> </ul>	09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	10
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21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	24
28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> <li>• SD Synod Assembly</li> </ul>	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SD Synod Assembly</li> <li>• 1:00PM–5:00PM Spring Clean-Up</li> </ul>

## Community Building Event

Trinity will be hosting a community building event on Sunday, May 4th from 5 to 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be games/activities, food, and displays from community organizations. Also baskets containing various personal care items will be given away to local families in need. We would love to see our Trinity family get involved in this event in other ways, aside from simply providing space. Here are a few ideas:

- **Participate** - Join in the activities, eat some food, get to know some of your neighbors. Have fun!
- **Volunteer** - The organizers are looking for volunteers to help during the event.
- **Donate** - Items toward the giveaway baskets can be dropped off at The Madison Public Library, Gaylen's Popcorn, Strive 605 Nutrition, or BB's Coffee.

If you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Anahi Perez at (605)480-0051. More information can be found in the flyer at this [link](#).



## Calling All High School Seniors

Senior Sunday is May 11th! If you have a Trinity 2025 high school graduate, please talk with or email Deacon Koren (korenindley@gmail.com) for more information!

*Congratulations, Graduates!*  
*Go with God!*

## May Coffee Hour



The May Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Family of Faithfulness. The Family Group Leaders, Tonia Meadows and Gayle Mayberry, will be contacting you. Your help is always appreciated. FYI - June Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Family of Gentleness.

## Thank You

Thank you to all the Fruit of the Spirit Family Group Leaders & Families and Confirmation Students for making the Soup Suppers a special time of fellowship for our Lenten Season! Wonderful memories were made for our Trinity Family to hold close in their hearts!

Sincerely,  
Patti Weber  
Deacon of Life & Growth

## Collect Your Cookers

Remember to check the kitchen for your slow cookers and containers from soup suppers.



## Summer Worship Schedule

The summer worship schedule begins on May 25. Summer worship will be at 9:30 on Sundays. This schedule will remain in effect through August 31.

## Membership Information

*Is your info. up-to-date?*

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your landline? 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.

## NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

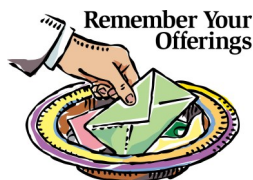
Recent Memorials  
April 14, 2025

**In Memory of Edith Pecks**  
Nyla Sonen

**In Memory of Harold George**  
Clara Downs  
David and Marian Wheeler  
Kay Johnson  
Todd and Susan Williams  
Gene and Marilyn Hexom  
Joyce Richter  
Sharon and Dan Carlson



Thank you to Wade and Jennnifer Briggs, Mark Jensen, Ron and Roberta Janke, Karen Kalvig, Mary Hunter, and Karen Giles for serving Home Communion in April.



### Financial Response as of 3/31/2025

The year-to-date statistics are:

General Offering (YTD)	\$101,394.74
Budgeted General Offering (YTD)	\$84,999.99
Actual over Budgeted	\$16,394.75



South Dakota Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

It is the time of year again when we prepare to gather as a synod in assembly. Your presence and active participation are very important. This year's assembly will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, from May 30 to 31, 2025. This year's theme is "Called". While we will elect a bishop who will lead the synod for six years, we are also all called to be church together through word and deed. Throughout the assembly, you will have ample opportunities to hear how we are the body of Christ.

Please note that Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be our ELCA churchwide representative and make herself available for table conversation in the late afternoon of Thursday, May 29, 2025. This is a unique opportunity for you to engage in faithful discussions about our shared ministry. Your voice and perspective are essential.

I am looking forward to welcoming you to the assembly. You can find details about the assembly, registration, and opportunities at [sdsynod.org/assembly](https://sdsynod.org/assembly).

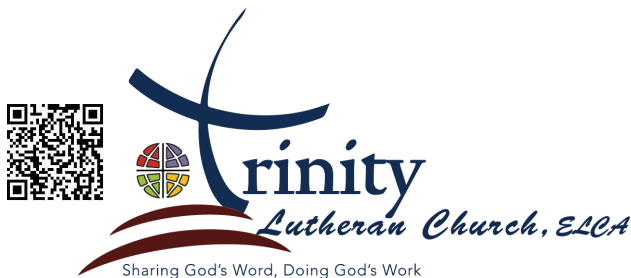
Journeying in Christ with you,  
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier  
Bishop of the SD Synod



**CHURCH  
WORKDAY**

### Save the Date

Spring clean-up day at Trinity on May 31st in the afternoon. (This will replace fall clean-up.) More details to come!



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/checks to Mission of the Month Fund. The Jingle Change collection on May 11 also supports the Mission of the Month.*

### 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:** Eleanor Morse on April 28

**Baptisms:** Everson Waagmeester on April 6

**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