

## Deacon's Discourse

"You must be very careful not to forget the things you have seen God do for you. Keep reminding yourselves, and tell your children and grandchildren as well." ~Moses in Deuteronomy 4:9 (CEV)

As a mom, this week is always bittersweet for me. Currently, it is Friday, and it is the last day of the first week of school for my kids. I now have a high school freshman and a senior, a college senior, and an adult out in the world. How can that be? They promised me they wouldn't get older than four years old!!! But here they are, slowly (or quickly depending on the kid) spreading their wings and finding their independence and their place in this world. They are no longer the "littles" and the "bigs" that I see in the pictures from years ago. They have grown physically, emotionally, and in their faith. And, I can't help but marvel and thank God for all the ways God worked in their lives and our family's life to get them to this point.

Research has shown that in the United States, parents are the most important factor influencing their child(ren)'s faith formation. Parents take them to worship and Sunday School and confirmation, teach them to pray, and give them the opportunity to see first hand how faith can be woven into their daily lives. Another important influence is their faith community ...that's YOU, Trinity family and friends! Yes, you all have a special place in the woven faith passed to not only the children, but to each other. Whether you are a newborn or 100+ years old or somewhere in between, it is up to ALL of us to share in this very important piece of faith formation where we tell each other about the things God has done for us. It is in these experiences and stories that we find all kinds of ways to weave faith into our daily lives and to see how God works in the little and big ways that impact our lives and the lives of others. It is also in the spaces and places we join together to worship as well as learn about and explore our faith that we can learn more about how God is working.

In May I had the opportunity to begin a year-long journey with a group called Faith Forward which focuses on equipping God's people of all ages to weave faith formation into the everyday routines of family life and their faith community. The *Five Faith Promises* from the Faith Forward framework of ministry are 1) Pray together, 2) Read the Bible together, 3) Have faith conversations together, 4) Act in ser-

vice together for others, and 5) Share in mealtimes/rituals/traditions together. While we have emphasized these promises at Trinity, Faith Forward has given us some new and fun resources such as activities and workshops for free.

We also have our own Trinity Faith Forward website at [www.faithforwardnow.org/TrinityMadison](http://www.faithforwardnow.org/TrinityMadison). You can also use the QR code at the end of this article to reach the website. This website is continually updating and adding new faith formation ideas and activities for all ages to try. If you scroll to the bottom of the home page, you can sign up for weekly emails. In the upper right corner, you can click on "workshops" to see what workshops are being offered (FREE!!!) over zoom. And there will always be many fun downloads available as well.

I am looking forward to weaving some of what I've been learning from my time with Faith Forward into the ministries here at Trinity, and I invite ALL of you to join me. It might be during worship or a special event, or you might find something new coming home with your child from Sunday School or Confirmation. And please take a look at the website and sign up for the free emails, and feel free to pass it on to others, especially family members! Give the activities and ideas a try! I know you will enjoy what you find from

Faith Forward as much as I have. As always, I'm available for questions or conversation! Let's keep passing on the faith with Faith Forward!

Deacon Koren



# Unapproved August Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 12, 2025  
7:00 p.m..

The members present recited Trinity's mission statement. President Kurt Christiansen called the meeting to order.

Voting members present: Pastor Steven Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Kurt Christiansen, Vice-president Virginia Lemme, Past president Tom Farrell via Zoom, Secretary Nancy Sabbe, Eric Anderson—Board of Trustees, Patti Weber—Board of Deacons, Dani Ruhd—Board of Faith Formation

Non-voting members present: Darrel Presuhn, Marie Millage, Alicia Entringer, Tami Christiansen, Lucas Muller

Also present: Nick Hossle representing CP Bat Mitigation

Vice-President Virginia Lemme gave the devotion from Luke 12:22–33 in which Jesus urges his followers to seek God's kingdom and to let God take care of everything else.

Pastor Steven Lindley led the Council in prayer.

Motion by Patti Weber, seconded by Eric Anderson, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

President Kurt Christiansen introduced Nick Hossle, a representative CP Bat Mitigation. He gave a report on Trinity's bat problem. Based on his examination of the building, specifically noting the chimney on the west end, gaps in fascia, the bell towers, and the peak of the roof, he proposed placing bat slides in key areas at a cost of \$21,407.80. Motion by Past president Tom Farrell, seconded by Eric Anderson to accept the bid of \$21,407.80 using money from the Cornerstone Fund and any donations received for this project. Motion carried.

Motion by Vice-president Virginia Lemme to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Patti Weber. Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Past president Tom Farrell reported that the general offering in July was less than anticipated in the Mission Plan. However, spending was managed well. As of July 31, the year to date general offering received is \$6,232.47 below what was projected in the Mission Plan. Motion by Eric Anderson to acknowledge the Financial Report. Seconded by Virginia Lemme. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

Pastor Steven Lindley submitted a written report. He brought up a personnel concern. The president and vice-president will pursue this further.

Deacon Koren Lindley reported

- Blessing of the Backpacks will be August 17.
- First day of Preschool will be August 20 and 21.
- Confirmation parent and student orientation will be held August 20.
- Confirmation and youth group activities begin on August 27.
- The fall worship schedule and Sunday School begin on September 7.
- A day of service—God's Work, Our Hands—will be Sunday, September 14 at the Bethel Home.
- More Sunday School teachers are needed.
- The Preschool will have a float in the DSU Homecoming parade.
- Vacation Bible School and Miracle Treat Day went well. More volunteers would have been helpful.

President Kurt Christiansen had no report.

Vice-president Virginia Lemme had no report.

Board of Deacons—Patti Weber reporting

- The music committee met and went through the calendar. They are working on the Hanging of the Greens service. Choirs begin rehearsing after Labor Day. Choir directors are needed for the Middle School Choir and Chancel Choir.
- The September coffee letters are ready. Preparation for the 80+ Birthday Celebration is ongoing.
- The jingle change offering for Lutherans Outdoors was \$135.62.
- Trinity will feed DSU athletes on August 17. Volunteers are needed.

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## Board of Trustees—Eric Anderson reporting

- New windows have been installed in the education wing. The work was completed in 3 days. Some of the interior trim may need to be painted.
- Midwest Glass has given an estimate of \$1,042.39 to replace the window in the Narthex and the window in the Fellowship Hall.
- The floor coverings in the office will need to be replaced soon. The Board will consider this in planning for the 2026 Mission Plan.
- There is a leak in the south corner of the Narthex that continues to be an issue.

## Board of Faith Formation—Dani Ruhd reporting

- Items for Faith Formation were covered in Deacon Koren Lindley's report.

## TEAM BUILDING

The Boards and officers reviewed the intention words and goals they set at the council retreat in February and reported on the progress toward their goals.

## OLD BUSINESS

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

- Wade and Jennifer Briggs will be the point people on September 14.
- An activity with the residents is planned.
- Dani Ruhd is working on staff appreciation.

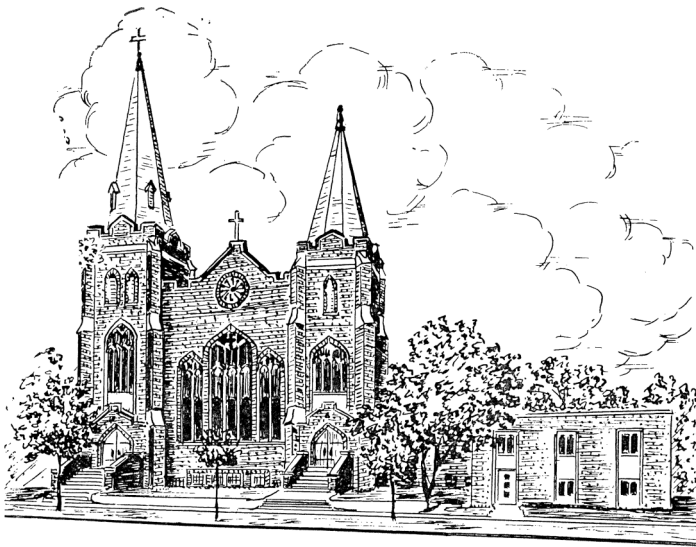
69 windows have been replaced in the education wing.

## NEW BUSINESS

Vice-president Virginia Lemme is in contact with an individual who is considering taking on the volunteer coordination responsibilities.

Motion to adjourn by Eric Anderson. Seconded by Dani Ruhd. Motion carried. The next Council meeting will be September 9. The next meeting of the entire Council will be in November.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Sabbe, secretary





## September 2025

## Save the Dates

7th

\*Fall Worship Schedule Begins

\*Rally Sunday

\*Sunday School Begins

14th

\*God's Work, Our Hands  
at Bethel Nursing Home

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday	01 <i>Labor Day</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office Closed</li> <li>No Preschool</li> </ul>	02  <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>6:00PM–7:00PM Scouts Committee Meeting : Fireside Room</li> </ul>
07 <i>Rally Sunday</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship w/Teacher &amp; Guide Installation : Sanctuary</li> <li>9:45AM–10:45AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms</li> <li>11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship w/Teacher &amp; Guide Installation : Sanctuary</li> <li>12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	08  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM–10:30AM Volunteer Group Meeting : Fireside Room</li> <li>7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	09  <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>
14 <i>God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No worship services or Sunday school</li> <li>12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> <li>No Men's Group</li> </ul>	15  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM–4:30PM 80+ Birthday Party : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	16  <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> </ul>
21  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jingle Change</li> <li>8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>9:45AM–10:45AM 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> </ul>	22  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	23  <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>
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## 2025

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
03 • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:00PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 5:30PM–6:15PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 6:30PM–7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM HS Youth Group : Youth Room	04 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall	05 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	06 • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
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24 • 5:30PM–6:00PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 5:30PM–6:15PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 6:15PM–6:45PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal : Fire-side Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM HS Youth Group : Youth Room	25 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall	26 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	27



Register for Sunday school here:  
<https://forms.gle/zXvBt1iMBzoLVCRw7>  
 or fill out the form in the narthex

## 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.

## September Coffee Hour



The September Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Family of Joy. The Family Group Leaders, Jennifer Briggs and Amy Winrow, will be contacting you. Your help is always appreciated. FYI – October Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Family of Peace.



We are looking for teachers for the 2025-26 school year! Teach every week or every other week! We are flexible! Sundays 10-10:50 am beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>.  
 Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade



Contact Deacon Koren  
[korenindley@gmail.com](mailto:korenindley@gmail.com)  
 or call the office!



## School Year Worship Schedule

The school year worship schedule begins on Sun., Sept. 7, with traditional worship at 8:45 and Celebration worship at 11 a.m.

**Come to Church  
this Sunday**



## NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials  
08/19/2025

### In Memory of DeAnn Molskness

Kristin and John Morse  
Mary and Jerry Hutchinson  
Scott and Rosie Jamison  
Janna Ellingson  
Elaine and Larry Headrick



Thank you to Ron & Roberta Janke, Karen Kalvig, Jennifer Briggs, Nancy Sabbe, Mark Jensen, and Roger Moose for serving Home Communion in August.



### Financial Response as of 7/31/2025

Offering is **\$6,232.47 below** what was projected in the 2025 Mission Plan.

The year-to-date statistics are:

Total Income (YTD)	\$192,100.84
Total Expenses (YTD)	\$229,628.56

Thank you for your generous support of Trinity's mission!

## "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday

"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday is the ELCA's annual day of service in communities across the nation. **Trinity Lutheran Church will be participating on Sunday, September 14th.** We had such a great time serving at Bethel Lutheran Home last year, that we decided we would do it again this year! Plan to join us for an awesome morning of service and connection at Bethel.

The day will begin at Bethel Lutheran Home at 8:45 a.m. We will gather outside for a prayer and directions. The OUTDOOR volunteers will begin projects on the campus. The INDOOR volunteers will be working on staff appreciation notes and activities and then have fellowship and a crafting project with the residents. Everyone will wrap up their activities at 11 a.m. Please join us at Trinity in the fellowship hall for a meal and worship!

Sign up in the narthex or online or by calling the church office.

Sign up to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AADA2BA0FDC16-58131697-gods#/>

Sign up to donate staff appreciation items here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AADA2BA0FDC16-58130772-gods#/>



God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service!



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 September Mission of the Month is the Kids' 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 21 also supports the Mission of the Month.*

### Congregational Information

**Deaths:** none

**Baptisms:** Kodi Van Valkenburg on August 10  
Heidi Palli on August 31

**Weddings:** Matt Ellens and Megan Fischer on August 1

### Food Pantry

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

### 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