

# Trinity Tidings - September 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church



203 N. Harth Ave.

**Sharing God's Word.  
Doing God's Work.**





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## YOUTUBE

You can now view all Sunday worship services on our YouTube channel! Just search for *Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA* or click on the link on our website!



## FOOD PANTRY

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month is canned meat. Donations can be brought to Trinity.



## EMAIL ADDRESS



If you are currently receiving the Trinity Tidings in the mail and would like to receive it electronically, please contact the church office. Also, we send out "e-news"

that will be delivered to your inbox weekly! If you have not received this and would like to, please let the office know your email address.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



Have you moved? Did you disconnect your land line? Did you change your email 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 let us know when you have an address change, email change, marital status change, etc. If you are on Facebook or Twitter, or look under "Forms" on our website, you can find a new information change form on our page. Check it out!

## CARE TEAM

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please contact the church office to let us know. Thank you from Trinity's Care Team.

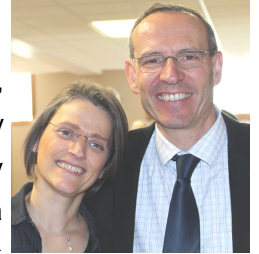




# PASTOR'S NOTES

Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! – Ready, set, go! What’s your favorite thing about September? Quick! – For me it is **YOU!** While many of us enjoy more casual summer Sundays, September seems to bring us all back together for worship, Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth activities, music ministry and many other countless ministries. There is a certain level of excitement in the air when all of us fill the building with our life stories and faith. Thank you for being an essential part of Trinity’s family of faith. You are appreciated and cherished!



We also realize that we are not the only “gig” in town and that you can meet God in many different ways and many different places, therefore your ministry and lay leadership team works diligently on providing you with mission and ministry opportunities that strengthen and equip you for daily life. I would like to offer you a taste of the smorgasbord of what you can expect this fall.

**RALLY SUNDAY** – All summer long you were invited to take Marty (Martin Luther) on the road with you. On Rally Sunday, we will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary Trinity style! We’ll kick off this first day of Sunday school with a lively worship experience, the backpack blessing, teacher installation and our annual picnic. Bring your kids (and your neighbors’ kids), and stay for a fun day on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>!

**BIBLE SUNDAY** – as every year, this is your opportunity to bring Bibles that you feel need to be retired. We’ll be dedicating them to the glory of God and retire them with the proper liturgy on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Then we will be able to watch in amazement how our third graders will receive their very own Children’s Bible. Every year, this day reminds me how much joy we should experience, when we hold the word of God in our own hands.

**“GET YOUR CAMP” ON SUNDAY** – children and adults of all ages and backgrounds from Trinity have experienced Christ at a Lutherans Outdoors of SD Bible camp this summer. I don’t know about you, but I can’t wait to hear their stories about camp. Wear your favorite camp shirt, let’s hear how God’s Spirit moved among the Trinity campers and let’s celebrate the goodness of worship God in creation. See you for Camp Sunday on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**“KAIROS”** - “Kairos” is one of the two words in the Greek language that mean time. “Chronos” is the measurable time, time that we can set our clocks to. “Kairos” is God’s time! It’s “Kairos” time at Trinity! Jeff Kjellberg from “Kairos & Associate’s” will be working with a hand- selected visioning team to help our family of faith discern what God is having in store for us “today” and “tomorrow”. From now until Christmas, the leadership team will be asking questions, interviewing YOU and members of the Madison community, will listen to as many folks in the building and out on the streets with only one purpose; and one purpose only to hear what God is calling our family of faith to be for the sake of the Gospel and our neighbor. Please stay tuned into this new process, keep it in your prayers and respond when invited to participate.

Phew ... what a busy and joy-filled September at Trinity!

Can’t wait to see you all again!

-Pastor Constanze

Hello,  
September!



STAFF		
Rev. Dirk Hagmaier	Co-Pastor	256-2771
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier	Co-Pastor	256-2771
Sandy Rhode, AIM	Youth & Education Director	256-2771
Kate Shaw	Office Manager	256-2771
Alex Eykamp	Music & Worship Ministries	256-2771
Preschool Staff		
Summer DuRandt	Preschool Director	256-2771
Kim Bruns	Preschool Assistant	256-2771

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS		
David Rossing	President	256-3851
Jennifer Briggs	Vice-President	480-1870
Joan Merager	Secretary	256-2296
Katie Nelson	Treasurer	556-0051

BOARD OF DEACONS		
Nancy Sabbe (19)	Chr./Worship and Music	256-3664
Ann Marie Rossing (18)	Mission Momentum	256-3851
Linda Brick (20)	Sacraments & Services	256-2375
Patti Weber (20)	Life & Growth	480-3231
Chase Hanson (20)	Evangelical Outreach	480-2259

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION		
Amy Townsend (18)	Chr./Elementary Education	256-5733
Carolyn Feige (19)	Continuing Education/Library	270-1320
Dana Hoff	Youth Ministry	480-0047
Julie Jones (19)	Preschool & Early Childhood	256-2771
Adam Shaw (19)	Confirmation Education	270-4302
Sandy Rhode, AIM	Youth & Education Director	256-2771

BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
Keith Knutson (19)	Chr./Stewardship	256-3006
Randy VanRosendale	Church/Sanctuary Property	256-9669
Wayne Halma (20)	Education Wing	291-2174
Peggy Hoff (18)	Development & Planning	480-4157
Elizabeth Molstad (20)	Insurance	482-8254

**Church Council meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship hall the second Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend a council meeting, or contact any of the above leaders with any concerns, suggestions, or questions. We are here to serve you!**

**If you would like to participate in any of these opportunities, please feel free to contact the contact person listed. If you have an interest in an activity not listed, please contact the church office (256-2771).**

FOUNDATION COMMISSION		
Jennifer Briggs (18)	Vice-President	480-1870
Tom Farrell (17)	Treasurer	256-6777
Rob Thuringer (18)	Commission Member	480-0917
Nancy Kasuske (21)	Secretary	483-3199
Valerie Kuhl (20)	Chr./Commission Member	256-6882
Marc Molskness (19)	Commission Member	483-3561

CHOIRS		
<b>Vocal Directors:</b>		
Adult	Sandy Cole	256-3222
Chapel (Grades 9-12)	Virginia Lemme	483-3125
Chancel (Grades 5-8)	Emily Knuths	270-6269
Covenant (Grades 1-4)	Mary Hunter	256-3280
<b>Sunday School Choir Directors:</b>		
Preschool 1-Kindergarten	Tami Christiansen	480-0727
Grade 1-4	Stacey Riedel	256-3665
<b>Handbell Directors:</b>		
Epiphany	Diane Plack	256-3665
Youth	Sandy Cole	256-3222
<b>Celebration Team Director</b>	Virginia Lemme	483-3125

NOMINATING COMMITTEE		
Nancy Presuhn (18)	Congregational Delegate	256-3419
Mike Brooke (18)	Council Delegate	256-0245
Becky Brown (18)	Council Delegate	256-2509
Randy VanRosendale (19)	Congregational Delegate	256-9669
Karen Kalvig (20)	Congregational Delegate	256-2347
Tim Walburg (20)	Congregational Delegate	556-0103

FUNERAL COMMITTEE		
Sandy Cole		256-3222
Mary Hutchinson		256-0281
Nancy Miller		256-2145
Kay Johnson		256-4798
Sharol Bargmann		256-3865
Mary Cole		256-1543

MISCELLANEOUS		
Newsletter	Kate Shaw	256-2771
Mission of the Month	Ann Marie Rossing	256-3851
Prayer Chain	Pastor Constanze	256-2771
Video Communication	Roger Hillestad	256-4087
Trinity Women	Nancy Miller	256-2145
Wedding Coordinator	Robin Boldt	256-2771



# FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR SANDY



## From the Youth & Education Director:

On **Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**, the HSLYO will have a Pizza Party/ Planning Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We will be planning events for the school year, select class representatives, and enjoy good food together.

On **Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**, the Confirmation Guides will have a Training Meeting.

On **Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunshine Room**, we will have an Orientation for the new three-year olds called a "Noah's Ark Party."

### On Sunday, September 10, 2017-

**8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services-** We will be having a "Backpack/School Bag Blessing" for **age 3-grade 8**. Please plan to bring your backpack or school bag and receive a special blessing as part of the Worship Service. All students will receive a "Martin Luther-500 Years of Faith" keychain for their backpack from the Milestone Ministry Committee.

**10:00-10:50 a.m.**, we will have Rally Sunday for age 3-Grade 8 Sunday School

**10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**, we will be having a "Rally Sunday Picnic" for everyone to celebrate Rally Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a free-will donation for the lunch. Grade 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds will be used to help purchase new DVD's for the Sunday School.

The Milestone Ministry Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Church Office.

On **Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 6:45-7:45 p.m.**, High School Bible Study begins in the Youth Room. We will have pizza each week. Bring a Bible and a friend.

On **Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will have a Confirmation Orientation Meeting for the seventh/eighth grade students, parents, and Confirmation Guides in the Fellowship Hall. We will be going through the schedule and answering any questions/concerns from 7:00-7:30 p.m. and then have an Acolyte Training for the seventh grade students from 7:30-8:00 p.m.

**The Ninth grade** Confirmation class will be meeting on Wednesday nights **beginning on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 and continue through October 18 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** The Ninth grade confirmands will also meet on Sunday mornings at **10:00 a.m. in Room 18** for their Confirmation class **beginning on Sunday, September 17, 2017 and continue through October 22, 2017.** The ninth grade confirmands and Mentors need to attend two Worship Services together and turn in their two "Worship Notes" by **Sunday, September 10, 2017.**

On **Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.** Worship Service, the third grade students will receive their Bibles from the Board of Parish Education. The parents of the third graders will be presenting the Bibles to their child to fulfill the promise that they made at their child's baptism. During the Sunday School hour at **10:00 a.m.**, all third grade students, their parents, and teachers are invited to the Fireside Room to have a fun time exploring the Bible together with Pastor Constanze.

On **Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 12:07-1:30 p.m.**, the MSLYO will have a Pizza Party/Planning Meeting in the Fellowship Hall for grade 6-8. We will be planning events for the school year, select class representatives, and enjoy pizza and pop together.

On **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**, we will begin Confirmation classes for **grade 7 and 8** confirmands. We will have **Supper from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall (with a free-will donation), **Large-group Presentation from 6:30-7:15 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall, **Small-group classes** will meet from **7:15-7:40 p.m.** in their assigned classrooms and we will have a **Sending Worship Service from 7:40-8:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

On **Sunday, September 24, 2017**, "For You" Camp Sunday. We will have a representative from NeSoDak Bible Camp share information during the Worship Services on Sunday. We would like to have everyone wear their favorite Bible Camp t-shirt, if you have one. We will have campers, share their stories from Bible Camp. At 10:00 a.m., grade 3-8 students, their parents, and teachers, will meet with the Camp Representatives in the Sanctuary for a presentation. We will have Registration information available for you and your friends. Bible Camp Registration forms will need to be completed by **Wednesday, October 25, 2017.**

Trinity Lutheran Church is responsible for the Lake County Food Pantry for September. We are collecting canned meat-tuna, chicken, etc. Thank you for helping us with this project!

- Sandy Rhode



# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sun

Mon

Tue

Through September 3  
**Sunday Schedule:**  
 8:30 am—Coffee Hour (Narthex)  
**9:30 am**—Worship (S)  
 10:30 am—Coffee Hour (FH)  
  
*Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sat./Sun.*

**After September 10**  
**Sunday Schedule:**  
 8:00 am—Coffee Hour (Narthex)  
 8:45 am—Worship Traditional (S)  
 9:45 am—Coffee Hour (FH)  
 10:00 am—Sunday School  
 11:00 am—Worship Celebration (S)  
  
*Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sat./Sun.*


**Wednesday Schedule:**  
 4:30 pm—Youth Jubilant Bell Choir (SB)  
 5:15 pm—Epiphany Bell Choir (SB)  
 Covenant Choir (FS)  
 Chancel Choir (YR)  
 6:00 pm—Chapel Choir (FS)  
 6:45 pm—Adult Choir (FS)  
 6:45pm—Celebration Practice (S)

3  
 8:30 am Coffee—Narthex  
 9:30 am Traditional Worship-(S)  
 10:30 am Coffee- (FH)

4  
 LABOR DAY— OFFICE CLOSED



5  
 8:00 am Sonshine—Preschool's 1st Day  
 8:00 am Special Council Mtg—Kairos  
 8:30 am Staff meeting  
 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)  
 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)  
 6:30 pm Webelos 2 Mtg-(FS)



10 **\*\*See Sunday Schedule**  
 Rally Sunday & Back Pack Blessing  
  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
  
 10:15 am— 12:30 pm  
 Pork Feed

11  
 8:00 am Sonshine  
 4:00 pm Cancer Support Group – Nicky's  
 6:30 pm Webelos 2 meeting- (FS)  
 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)

12  
 8:00 am Sonshine  
**\*\*See Council Schedule**  
 8:30 am Staff meeting  
 9:00 am Mary Circle- (FH)  
 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)  
 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)

17 **\*\*See Sunday Schedule**  
  
 Jingle Change  
  
 10:00 am 3rd grade Milestone - (FS)  
 12:07 pm MSLYO Planning & Pizza Mtg

18  
 8:00 am Sonshine  
 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)

19  
 8:00 am Sonshine  
 8:30 am Staff meeting  
 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)  
 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)  
 6:30 pm Boy Scout Pack Mtg  
 7:00 pm Martha/Naomi Circle-(off site)

24 **\*\*See Sunday Schedule**  
  
 "Camp Sunday"  
 10:00 am "Camp Sunday" - Grades 3-8 (s)



25  
 8:00 am Sonshine  
 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)

26  
 8:00 am Sonshine  
 8:30 am Staff meeting  
 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)  
 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)  
 6:00 pm Pack 5 Meeting (FS)




# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p><b>Council Schedule:</b>  <i>(2nd Tuesday of the month)</i>  1:00 pm—Finance Com .(CR)  5:15 pm—Precouncil (CR)  5:15 pm—Milestone Ministry  Committee Mtg (CO)  5:45 pm—Executive Council(CR)  6:30 pm—Board of Trustee( FH)  6:30 pm—Board of Deacons(CR)  6:30 pm—Board of Ed (CO)  8:00 pm—Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>Room Codes:</b>  CO=Church Office  CR=Conference Room  FS=Fireside Room  FH= Fellowship Hall  S=Sanctuary  SB=Sanctuary  Balcony  SR= Sonshine Room  YR=Youth Room</p>	<p>1  6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)</p>	<p>2  6:00 pm Worship- (FH)</p>
<p>6  8:00 am Sonshine  8:00 am Special Council Mtg– Kairos  5:30 pm HSLYO Planning/Pizza Mtg-(FH)  6:30 pm Confirmation Guide Training-(FH)  7:30 pm NYG Parent Fundraising Mtg-  (FH)  <b>**See Wednesday Schedule</b></p>	<p>7  8:00 am Sonshine</p>	<p>8  8:00 am Sonshine  6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)</p>	<p>9  9:30 am Sonshine– Noah's  Ark Party  10:30 am Parish Ed making  Food for Rally Sunday  2:00 pm Kringen/ Scholtz  Wedding– Off Site  6:00 pm Worship- (FH)</p>
<p>13  8:00 am Sonshine  6:45 pm HS Bible Study- (YR)  7:00 pm 7 &amp; 8th grade Parent/ Confirma-  tion Orientation Mtg.  7:30 pm 7th grade confirmand Acolyte  training  8:00 pm 9th grade Confirmation Class-  (FH)  <b>**See Wednesday Schedule</b></p>	<p>14  8:00 am Sonshine  8:30 Worship Committee- (FS)</p>	<p>15  8:00 am Sonshine  6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)</p>	<p>16  3:15 pm NYG Fundraiser–  SDSU - Brookings  5:00 pm Worship Potluck  6:00 pm Worship- (FH)</p> 
<p>20  8:00 am Sonshine  8:00 am Preschool Picture Day-(FH)  9:30 Ruth Circle-(off site)  5:30 pm Wed. Night Supper-( FH)  6:30 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation  8:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation  <b>**See Wednesday Schedule</b>  <b>**See Wednesday Schedule</b></p>	<p>21  8:00 am Sonshine  8:00 am Preschool Picture Day-  (FH)</p>	<p>22  8:00 am Sonshine  6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)</p>	<p>23  8:00 am Sonshine-Preschool  in DSU Parade  Trinity Women Luncheon  after the DSU Parade (FH)  6:00 pm Worship- (FH)</p>
<p>27  8:00 am Sonshine  5:30 pm Wed. Night Supper-( FH)  6:30 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation  6:45 pm HS Bible Study- (YR)  8:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation  <b>**See Wednesday Schedule</b></p>	<p>28  8:00 am Sonshine  5:00-8:00pm Staff Affirmations  7:00 pm Prairie Piecemakers  Quilt Guild</p>	<p>29  8:00 am Sonshine  6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)</p>	<p>30  6:00 pm Worship- (FH)</p>



# TRINITY YOUTH NEWS

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (MSLYO-GRADE 6-8)

September 17, 2017-12:07 p.m.-MSLYO Planning Meeting/Pizza Party in the Fellowship Hall.

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September 27, 2017-“See You at the Pole” before school at the flag pole.

## HIGH SCHOOL LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (HSLYO-GRADE 9-12)

September 6, 2017-5:30 p.m.-HSLYO Planning Meeting/Pizza Party in the Fellowship Hall.

September 6, 2017-7:30 p.m.-NYG Parent/Fundraising Planning Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

September 16, 2017- 3:15 p.m.-NYG Fundraiser in Brookings, SD.

September 24, 2017-10:00-10:50 a.m.-We will have a “For You” Camp Sunday. We will have a representative from NeSoDak Bible Camp share information during the Worship Services on Sunday. We would like to have everyone wear their favorite Bible Camp t-shirt, if you have one. We will have campers share their stories from Bible Camp. **At 10:00 a.m., grade 3-8 students, their parents, and teachers** will meet with the Camp Representative in the Sanctuary for a presentation. We will have Registration information available for you and your friends. Bible Camp registrations will need to be completed by **Wednesday, October 25, 2017.**

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## A LETTER FROM THE PARISH ED BOARD

Dear Parents,

We are so glad you have chosen to share your child/children with us here at Trinity. Our Sunday School ministries goal is to share God's love and the many, many stories of Christ and His love for us.

Please know we want, and encourage you, to send your child/children whenever you can. We understand life takes us away at times. However, we come prepared to share God's word every week and look forward to seeing your child.

As with every learning environment, we need **you as parents** to help us! Please let your child know that they are expected to be respectful and non-disruptive during class. A phone call or text will be sent if your child/children chooses not to participate.

Hearing, sharing His word and love are our goals. Please help us to meet these goals.

Parish Education Board Members

## HEALTH TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

On September 30<sup>th</sup> I will be traveling with a medical team from Avera to Jérémie Haiti. Avera teams make the trip a few times each year to support and participate in the work of a clinic operated by Friends for Health in Haiti. The group that most recently traveled there, performed breast cancer screenings at the hospital in Jeremie and worked at a clinic about one and a half hours inland from Jeremie. They also delivered and installed a highly anticipated piece of equipment for the clinic. Avera donated used endoscopy equipment that is enhancing care the clinic offers for patients experiencing conditions like acid reflux. I do humbly ask for prayers of safety and that the work will serve purpose and meaning.

The mission and vision for Friends For Health in Haiti is defined below:

The mission of Friends for Health in Haiti is to improve the health of the people of Haiti in a caring, compassionate manner, as a reflection of our Christian faith.

Our vision is a far-reaching one – to develop a medical facility that will provide primary health care to people of all ages, community education from the clinic and in surrounding communities; and maternity services, including emergency obstetric care.

Our values stem from our Christian faith – integrity, excellence, compassion and concern for the poor and disadvantaged. It is our Christian faith that motivates us, to attempt to meet the staggering health and development needs of the people of Haiti.

Our Philosophy of care is that a community-based health model is ideal for the greatest impact and the highest chance of long-term sustainability. It is the "bottom-up" model that empowers communities to solve their own development problems; and cultivate the relationships through which our faith can be shared.

To know more about how you can help in this mission, please call 605-322-3381 or

email: [madisonfcn@avera.org](mailto:madisonfcn@avera.org).

Thank you,

Tracy Barton-Opdahl RN

*Compliments of Tracy Opdahl, Madison Faith Community Nurse*





# DO YOU KNOW?

You all did such a great job with the Confirmation Class of 1969, we are trying this again!  
If **you** are in this picture or know someone that is, please stop by the church office!!

## Confirmation Class of 1970



# FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Fall/ Winter Services Resume September 10!**

**Saturday Evening Service— In the Fellowship Hall**  
6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday Worship Services— In the Sanctuary**  
8:45 am - Traditional Service  
11:00 am - Celebration Service





# SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH



## KID'S PANTRY

Some children in our own community, go home at the end of a school week with little in the way of nutritional food to snack on or eat till they return to the school week on Mondays.

The **Kids' Pantry** is a child nutrition program serving Lake County students ranging from Preschool to the 5th grade and those enrolled in Headstart. The children are enrolled in this program by referral from teachers, counselors, and school administration throughout the school year. The families are considered to be struggling with "food scarcity" based on economic need and conditions. During the 37-39 weeks of school, the students receive a grocery bag full of easy to prepare meals and snacks including fresh fruits to take home. The **Kid's Pantry** program anticipates serving about 130 students in the 2017-2018 school year.

Each bag distributed costs \$4.02 per student per week. The project is fully organized and carried out locally. The food is purchased at the Madison Sunshine store. Sunshine then delivers the food items to the two staging sites which are Valiant Living & Bethel. The food bags are then delivered to the school by volunteers or those working at the staging sites. Each week the teachers then distribute the food bags to the students. Please consider a **financial gift** during the month of September to help improve children's nutrition.

**Call Pastor Constanze for questions about this program at 256-2771.**

# CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

**Deaths:**

July 21– Scott Ulwelling

**Baptisms:**

None



*Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one  
can fathom  
He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the  
weak.*

*Isaiah 40:28-29*



# AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
August 8, 2017  
8:00 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church council members recited the mission statement, "Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work."

The council meeting for August 8<sup>th</sup> was called to order by President David Rossing at 8:00 P.M. Council members absent and excused were Linda Brick, Patti Weber, Amy Townsend, Adam Shaw, & Julie Jones.

Jennifer Briggs led the council in devotions.

The agenda was presented by President David Rossing and being no changes it was considered approved.

The council minutes for July 11<sup>th</sup> were presented and Jennifer Briggs made a motion to approve and Peggy Hoff seconded. Motion passed.

Keith Knutson reported on the financial report and how we are behind in expenses versus income. A motion to approve was made by Ann Marie Rossing and seconded by Elizabeth Molstad. Motion passed.

## **STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY:**

### **Pastor Constanze reported:**

Next month the boards will receive their mission plan worksheets. The 2018 mission plan will need to be completed by December.

The Congregations' annual meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, with a snow date of January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Staff affirmations will be completed on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Fundraising applications were approved at the executive meeting.

Pastor urged us to check out the Trinity website as Steve Millage has updated it.

Our church will host the DSU Football & Volleyball Teams on Sunday evening, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. We will be serving Sloppy Joes and we are asking volunteers for their time and garden vegetables, salads, and bars.

Stewardship is going strong with our theme Godspell.

A father/grandfather & daughter/ granddaughter social will be held on November 5th with a DJ and other activities. All funds from ticket sales will benefit the general fund.

Pastor is asking for volunteers to write a short devotion for the Advent Devotional "A Season of Hope & Expectation."

### **Pastor Dirk reported:**

The last month has brought many challenging pastoral care encounters.

### **Sandy Rhode, Parish Education coordinator reported:**

She is working on youth education.

Worked at Miracle Treat Day.

She has been getting our volunteer Sunday school teachers & Confirmation guides.

34 youth & adults were at Wild Water West on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

August 6<sup>th</sup> a Continental Breakfast was served to the youth and the people who bought youth shares when they went to Minneapolis for their trip.

August 18<sup>th</sup> the students must be signed up for the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.

September 10<sup>th</sup> Rally Sunday and the students will receive a key chain honoring Martin Luther for 500 years of faith.

### **Deacon Board Chairman, Nancy Sabbe reported:**

#### **Worship & Music:**

October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the second service we will celebrate 25 years of the Celebration Service Team with a reunion of team members, and a brunch will be served honoring the celebration team with the congregation invited after the second service.

#### **Mission Momentum:**

August will be "The Church on the Street" in Sioux Falls, SD.

July Salvation Army back-to-school \$1540.00 this included \$200.00 from Vacation Bible School, \$316.00 from our Men's Group, and \$107.29 Jingle Change.

September will be the Kids Pantry.

#### **Life & Growth:**

We will be serving the DSU Meal on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Services & Sacraments:**

Home communion will be August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Looking for volunteers to help with home communion. And please let members know they can request home communion.



# AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CONT.

**Evangelical Outreach:**

Discussed Miracle Treat Day, felt there was a smaller crowd and we do have fans left so we will place some in the back of the church/or to the DSU athletes as our worship service times are printed on the fans. Thank you to Chase Hanson who designed and had the fans printed.  
Each family attending Rally Sunday will be receiving Luther's Small Catechism in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

**Trustee Chairman, Keith Knutson reported:**

He reviewed the Stewardship program which will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Wayne Halma reviewed inspection process  
End of July- mechanical & electrical services  
Second phase was scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> and rescheduled due to rain possibility.  
Kairos will be having an initial meet and greet relating to initial visioning process.  
A motion and a second were made to approve the replacement of an Ash Receptacle.  
Discussed income alternatives for 1. Review business usage charges and 2. Review building usage charges.  
Approved paying the bills.  
September 17<sup>th</sup> will be the final surplus property silent auction.

**Parish Education assistant Carolyn Feige reported:**

Discussed several students who are behind on "Mentor Program" and how we could help them.  
Morgan Briggs will continue as a nursery attendant and we accepted Kenna Nighberts request to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> attendant.  
Discussed Rally Sunday.  
The pork is bought and frozen.  
We proposed to buy chips and have a volunteer sign-up sheet for brownies and a work-bee on Saturday morning to make the potato salad.  
They reviewed the need of only two Sunday school teachers and the great list of teachers already on board.

**President David Rossing reported:**

When dealing with issues facing Trinity I often turn to our Constitution for guidance. What I have found is what we do in practice sometimes conflicts with what is in the Constitution. This may be due in part to the fact that the document appears to have been last revised in 2011. Our Constitution is based upon the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations which is revised every three years. The Model Constitution does not include bylaws so individual congregations are free to develop their own bylaws as long as they do not conflict with the Constitution.

Tim Tucker has agreed to chair a task force to review and update our Constitution and bylaws. Joining him on the task force will be Karen Feige, Nancy Moose, and Nancy Presuhn .

I would encourage each of you to review the Bylaws, especially those relating to your areas of responsibility, to see if you have any suggestions for changes. The proposed changes will come back to the Council for approval before being sent to the Congregation.

David suggested an electronic version of the Constitution be sent to the Council along with the Council minutes.

**Vice President Jennifer Briggs reported on old business:**

A Kairos update is that she is working on a Listening Taskforce is being recruited. It will be interesting to have people come and listen to them.  
Pastor Constanze said we will discern who to listen to and there will be surveys on line.  
Jeff will meet with all council members on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. and all are invited to give their input. We will have a vision before the campaign which takes patience and work and to generate excitement.  
September 12<sup>th</sup> will be regular council meeting at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned and the council all stood and joined hands and prayed The Lord's Prayer.

August treats were provided by the Officers.

September treats will be provided by the Trustees.

October treats will be provided by the Deacons.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Merager, Council Secretary





# JULY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**We are including July's Council Meeting Minutes as they were accidentally omitted in the August Newsletter**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
July 11, 2017  
8:00 P.M.

"Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work" the Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Statement was recited by the council members.

President David Rossing called the July 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Peggy Hoff led the council in devotions.

President Rossing presented the agenda, there being no changes it was considered approved.

The May 9<sup>th</sup> council minutes were presented and a motion to approve was made by Amy Townsend and seconded by Ann Marie Rossing. Motion passed.

The Financial report was given by Keith Knutson and he reported we are \$16,900.00 behind in expenses versus income, compared to last year giving has increased. A motion to approve was made by Jennifer Briggs and seconded by Patti Weber. Motion passed.

**STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY:**

**Pastor Constanze reported:**

Pastor serves on the Encore board and is working on plans to partner with them for Trinity's Miracle Treat Day activities. Pastor Constanze thanked everyone who came to their home and celebrated the graduations of Paul Hagmaier and Lymann Walker.

She said it is a joy to have Kate Shaw working in the office.

She is currently working on writing the 2017 Fall Stewardship program to the theme of *Godspell*. She is working on a congregational Advent Devotional, and is seeking 24 volunteers to write a short devotion that can be used during the Advent Season by members of the congregation. Finally she is putting a planning task force together to end the Fall Stewardship Days with a Father/Grandfather daughter/granddaughter Social for all ages.

**Pastor Dirk reported:**

He invited everyone to pie and ice cream with the Bishop at Volga Lutheran at 6:30 P.M. on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

November 1<sup>st</sup> the synod will host a 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary Reformation Service at the Sioux Falls arena. Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate in this unique celebration.

Confirmation students are continuing their work on completing assignments. The new year is planned.

He is working on Advent & Lenten services.

**Sandy Rhode, Parish Education coordinator reported:**

The summer ministry events of Preschool Bible School, Day camp, and the High school youth trip to Minneapolis went well with 15 young adults attending and they were able to enjoy attending Jennifer Briggs brother's church, helping pack meals for Feed the Children and attended the play, "Grease."

The last group of the students are attending Bible Camp.

She is working on fall items.

She is having the National Youth Gathering meeting with students who will be going to Houston, Texas next year.

She reported that South Dakota leads the states in having the most registered students in the nation attending the National Youth Gathering.

**Deacon Board Chairman, Nancy Sabbe reported:**

They approved the calendar for July 2017 to June 2018.

Missions of the month were and are:

May -campership \$126.00

June -Family Connection \$442.00

July -Back to school (shoes)

August -Church on the Street, Sioux Falls.

Preparing for August coffee and serving supper to the athletes and they will be invited to attend our church services.

Discussed electronic sign up for ushering, lector, greeters etc.

Chase Hanson is investigating prices for fans to distribute at Miracle Treat Day which will have Trinity's logo and church service times etc. on and if they have leftovers they will give them to the college athletes at the supper we provide.

**Parish Education Chairman, Amy Townsend reported:**

Discussion on filling Savannah Millers position in the nursery.

Working on fundraising application.

Sandy will order a confirmation picture stand to display our confirmation class's pictures.



# JULY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CONT.

## Trustee Chairman, Keith Knutson reported:

Approved paying the bills.

Stewardship with the theme: *Godspell* will be from October 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Announcement will be in the bulletin/newsletter about our silent auction of surplus items.

Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. the Executive Committee will be meeting with Jeff Kjellberg from Kairos and Associates about how to begin the Visioning Process as the first step towards a fundraising campaign.

Voted not to host the music festival during Holy Week at our church.

Starting an inventory of items at the church.

Keith made a motion on behalf of the trustees to approve MSH to do the inspection of our church and it was seconded by Jennifer Briggs. Motion passed.

We will rope off the pews close to the damaged wall in the balcony for safety.

A motion was made by Wayne Halma to have a silent auction in the church basement with our surplus property and other items. The trustees will include the detailed information in the church bulletin. Randy VanRosendale seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## President David Rossing reported:

The annual South Dakota Synod Assembly was held on June 1 thru 3<sup>rd</sup>. Over 400 Lutherans attended. Trinity's delegates were Jennifer Briggs, Cheryl and Jim Iverson, and Ann Marie Rossing and myself. I would like to share some of the high points.

On Thursday evening the Secretary of the ELCA gave a presentation. He reported that ELCA membership had decreased by 31% and that we need to be adding new Lutherans to our churches through Evangelism efforts in our own neighborhoods. He reminded us that Congregational Councils are responsible for carrying out the mission of the Congregation but should also spend time brainstorming and dreaming as part of long range planning. He urged Councils to begin their meeting with scripture and prayer. I think with Jennifer's help we are making good progress here. The ELCA's model constitution on which ours is based is revised every three years. He recommended that a Congregation periodically review and update their Constitution. I am happy to report that Tim Tucker is again willing to lead this effort should the Council wish. The Secretary also stated that since a Congregation's budget or Mission Plan is a Missional document it is not unusual or necessarily unwise for desired expenditures to exceed income. However, in that case stated that the Council has the responsibility to monitor and authorize spending. I believe that at Trinity the trustees currently help the Council with that responsibility. He also recommended that Councils maintain and periodically review a list of members who meet the requirements to be voting members.

Molly Beck Dean, Director of the ELCA Youth Gathering addressed the Assembly at the evening dinner. She was a very passionate and impressive advocate for youth ministry. The next national ELCA youth gathering will be in Houston, Texas in July 2018.

Bishop Zellmer touched on the issue of persecuted Christians. He said that Bishop Eaton had recently spoken out against the murder of Christians in Egypt. Currently refugees admitted to the USA are predominantly Muslim. However, with changes that are coming, Bishop Zellmer is optimistic that within two years we will be seeing more Christian refugees being admitted. Afterwards I shared with him that while we were disappointed that the Medary Conference had not approved Trinity's proposed resolution in support of persecuted Christians, we were very appreciative of how supportive Pastors Constanze and Dirk have been on this issue.

Bishop Eaton's Leadership initiative encourages all of us to seek out and inspire gifted people to consider a call to ministry. The SD Synod is going to hire a recruiter who among other duties will start planting this idea with school age students.

The ELCA Book of Faith initiative is a program designed to meet the challenge of widespread Biblical illiteracy and encourage the teaching of and study of the Bible.

As part of the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, there will be a Hymn fest on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Augustana College Chapel. Then there will be a Synod Wide celebration on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the Sioux Falls Arena.

I would recommend that the Council agree to schedule and be present at a "Coffee with the Council" session.

One potential source of increased income the Council may wish to consider to help balance the budget is to increase building rental income. The Trustees are in charge of this; so it would need to be referred to them.

## Old Business:

A motion was made by Keith Knutson to have a task force to update the Constitution and may include one council member and will have it headed by Tim Tucker and have the Constitution updates completed before the church annual meeting. Peggy Hoff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned and the council all stood and joined hands and prayed The Lord's Prayer.

July treats were provided by the Board of Parish Education.

August treats will be provided by the Officers.

September treats will be provided by the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Merager, Council Secretary





## SURPLUS PROPERTY SILENT AUCTION

We have several pieces of furniture and equipment, as well as other smaller items that are no longer being used. The Council has declared these items to be Surplus Property and is offering them to the Congregation for purchase. We will be holding a Silent Auction through, Sunday, September 17, 2017. They will be on display in the hallway to the Fellowship hall as well as in the Fellowship Hall. Take a look, you might just find a bargain!



## “NOT SO WELCOME” CHURCH GUESTS

Occasionally you may have seen a few “Not So Welcome” guests around and in the Church. Recently one of these guests showed up in the Sanctuary during a Sunday Service.

The Trustees are aware of our Bat Problem and had a specialist scheduled this summer. As we progressed with the Inspection of Church Property, other issues relating to roof repairs brought about a change to these plans. These repairs may expose the building to reentry of the bats. As we schedule the needed roof repairs, we will also be addressing the removal of the bats at that time.

Rest assured – We are aware of the situation. We are working on a solution that may not be immediate, but will provide a more economical and permanent answer to the problem.





## COVENANT CHOIR

Inviting all children in grades 1 - 4 to join the Covenant Choir! Our rehearsals are on Wednesdays in the Fireside Room 5:15 - 6:00. We sing at worship one Sunday each month. Come on Wednesday, September 6 for our Round-up party to register and to receive your choir shirt and choir robe. See you then!



## MORE CHOIR OPPORTUNITIES

Do you enjoy music? Here is your opportunity!

The following choirs will also be starting again on Wednesdays beginning September 6.

**Chancel Choir** (Grades 5-8) will meet from 5:15- 6:00p.m. in the Youth Room. Director– Emily Knuths

**Chapel Choir** (Grades 9-12) will meet from 6:00-6:45p.m. in the Fireside Room. Director– Virginia Lemme

**Adult Choir** will meet at 6:45 in the Fire side Room. Director– Sandy Cole

**Youth Jubilant Bell Choir** will meet from 4:30-5:00p.m. in the Sanctuary Balcony. Director– Sandy Cole

**Adult Bell Choir** will meet from 5:15– 6:00p.m. in the Sanctuary Balcony. Director– Diane Plack





## ALTAR GUILD

Thank you to everyone who signed up to set up/clean up communion during the months of June, July and August. Your help has been greatly appreciated. Volunteers are always needed for the first and third Sundays of each month. It only takes a small amount of time to set up for each service, which is about an hour total. **I am planning on holding an instruction session for anyone who would like to learn how to set up Communion on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the kitchen. Please come and I will show you all you need to know.** Please consider volunteering as this is a wonderful way to serve our congregation.

A new signup sheet for September through November, 2017 is on the table in the Narthex for volunteers to sign up **for the dates and times that work for them.** If anyone ever has any questions, I can be reached at 256-2827 or 480-1800.

Again, thank you everyone for volunteering to help with this service to Trinity.

-Lana Johnson, Altar Guild Chairman



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

If you are interested in sharing your time and talents, please sign up as a Worship Assistant. Greeters, Lectors, Communion Assistants, and Ushers are needed. Sign ups are available in the Narthex or by contacting Kate in the church office at 256-2771 or by email: [officemanager@tlcmadison.com](mailto:officemanager@tlcmadison.com).





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## FROM THE FOUNDATION

### Brunch With The Foundation

The Trinity Foundation will be sponsoring a “Brunch With The Foundation” on Sunday, October 1, 2017. The brunch will be held between services 9:45 – 10:45 as well as following the second service from 11:00 to 12:00. Please mark your calendars and plan to join the Trinity Foundation for pancakes, sausage, juice, water and coffee. There will be a brief program talking about your foundation and also a sharing of how various ministries have benefited from the foundation. We will also be using this day to kick off our annual Faith In Action Grant application cycle.



Please join your foundation members Valerie Kuhl, Rob Thuringer, Marc Molskness, Jennifer Briggs, Nancy Kasuske and Tom Farrell on October 1, 2017.

### Faith in Action!

In furtherance of the Foundation’s mission to use gifts it receives to support Trinity’s ministries; the Foundation Commission is now accepting applications for use of the income from the **Faith in Action** Endowment Fund.

The 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.

Amounts awarded for grants will be based on the number of eligible applications and the amount available for distribution pursuant to the Foundation’s policies regarding distributions.

Printed applications can be obtained from the Church office, or e-mail from Kate Shaw at [office@tlcmadison.com](mailto:office@tlcmadison.com) or the Foundation Treasurer, Tom Farrell, at [tom.farrell@dsu.edu](mailto:tom.farrell@dsu.edu). Grant applications will be available starting October 1, 2017 and are due no later than **October 31, 2017**, with awards determined in November. Only requests received on completed current application forms will receive consideration.



## FROM THE FOUNDATION

### Hazel Johnson Mission Endowment Fund

In furtherance of the Foundation's mission to use gifts it receives to support Trinity's ministries; the Foundation Commission is now soliciting ideas for the Hazel Johnson Mission Endowment Fund.

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 for the Hazel Johnson Mission Endowment Fund are available on the Trinity website in the office or via e-mail from Kate [officemanager@tlcmadison.com](mailto:officemanager@tlcmadison.com).

## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Trinity Foundation Memorials For Month of July

The

In Memory of Dr. Dan Taylor



David and Ann Marie Rossing

Tom and Joyce Farrell

The Taylor Family

Doug and Joan Merager

Jon and Marry Hunter



## HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or a family member are no longer able to get to worship or if you desire to share the gifts of the communion, with those no longer able to worship at “church”, please contact the church office. Thank you for considering this ministry as a way to serve or a way to receive His love through those who bring the communion elements to you.  
- Board of Deacons



Homebound Holy Communion

## ADVENT DEVOTION BOOK

Needed– Advent “devotional-ists”...Trinity’s family of faith is going to write its’ own Advent devotional this year. Please consider to be a contributor. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex along with any instructions. You may also call the church office 256-2771 or e-mail any staff member to sign up and/ or for inquiries.



## DSU LUNCHEON

The DSU Parade Luncheon will be held again here at Trinity On Saturday, September 23rd. Please watch for the sign up sheets in the Narthex as we will be needing everyone's help to make this a success. All proceeds after expenses are used for Mission Projects supported by Trinity as part of our out reach program.

LUNCHEON



# THANK YOU

Thank you to all that made the DSU Football/ Volleyball Feed happen. It was a wonderful night of food and fellowship. The students were extremely grateful for all of your generosity!



**Thank you!**

# THANK YOU FROM FAMILY CONNECTION

Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$442.73 to Family Connection. Your continued support of our programs means so much to us and those we serve. You have given families HOPE when they must be apart. Frankie (Franklin) was here to visit his older brother in prison. He said, "Would you thank the nice people that keep this house?" That would be you!! We thank you and Frankie thanks you!

Thank you for making Family Connection your June Mission of the Month.

Linda, Volunteer





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## CELEBRATION PICTURES

TLC is looking to gather pictures and names from over the years of everyone that has been a part of the Celebration Team. If you have names, pictures or know someone that may, please contact Kate at the church office at 256-2771. Pictures can be emailed to the church office at: [officemanager@tlcmadison.com](mailto:officemanager@tlcmadison.com). Thank you!

