

Trinity Tidings - November 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 Vegetables. 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! – *“The one who holds you is guiding all your circumstances. And for that assurance, we can all be thankful.”* Those words mark the ending to the Thanksgiving chapter in Vaneetha Rendall Risner’s book by the title *“the Scars that have Shaped Me”*. This short but worthwhile read has found its way permanently into my life, ministry and heart for its’ grace filled way of speaking the hard truth that faith is anything than a Hallmark moment.

Let’s be honest, you walk down the aisles at the stores filled with cute fall décor, you scroll through your “Instagram” and “Pinterest” feeds filled with comfy and cozy quotes and pictures that have you crave hot apple cider, ginger snaps and Mr. Roger’s sweater. Platitudes such as developing an “attitude of gratitude” are not helpful in my line of work when life seems to have hit one hard, when you lost your job, your relationship, your health, your loved one, your independence, your health insurance, your..., you fill in the blank. You look at others and they seem to have it all together, their kids all get along, are married, have children, amazing jobs, they have all the toys one could wish for, they work and play together well and everything about them is just Hallmark worthy. Your life on the other hand seems to fall apart no matter how much duct tape you use to hold it together.

If your life looks more like mine, lots of duct tape and less Hallmark, you might find Vaneetha’s thoughts on Thanksgiving freeing. Vaneetha lives with Polio since an early age, has endured 21 surgeries by the age of thirteen, spend multiple years in hospitals, endured physical bullying and miscarriages. She survived the death of an infant son and an undesired divorce. All while post-polio syndrome robs her daily more and more of her physical abilities.

In the chapter on Thanksgiving she elaborates how she struggles with an attitude of gratitude daily not just at Thanksgiving. She writes: *“I know I should count my blessings, but sometimes it’s just easier to count my miseries. It comes more naturally.”* Yeah, right? We have all been there, done that! She than proceeds to write: *“...how I view my life is dependent on what I choose to focus on. From some angles it looks like a mess. But from other vantages, it is beautiful. My perspective all depends on where I direct my lens.”*

As you prepare for Thanksgiving it is my prayer that you are able to adjust your perspective on things as you will never be able to change your circumstance, but are able to choose how you respond to the circumstance you find yourself in.

Thanksgiving blessings,

Pastor Constanze





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
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Kim Bruns	Preschool Assistant	256-2771

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David Rossing	President	256-3851
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Katie Nelson	Treasurer	556-0051

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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
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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
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Preschool 1-Kindergarten	Tami Christiansen	480-0727
Grade 1-4	Stacey Riedel	256-3665
Handbell Directors:		
Epiphany	Diane Plack	256-3665
Jubliant	Sandy Cole	256-3222
Celebration Team Director	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, November 1, 2017**, all of the Confirmation classes will be going to the "Reformation 500" Worship Service in Sioux Falls. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at the church at **4:30p.m.**, eat our pre-ordered sub-sandwiches, leave at **5:15 p.m.** and carpool to Sioux Falls and returning to Madison by **9:30-10:00 p.m.**

On **Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 10:45 a.m.**, the Middle School LYO Committee will meet in the Youth Room for their monthly meeting. On **Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.**, the High School LYO Committee will meet in the Youth Room for their monthly meeting.

The Acolyte Schedule for this month is as follows: **11/5/17-8:45 a.m.-**Cooper Hoffman/Aiden Jensen; **11:00 a.m.-**Cam Buchholtz/Trey Smith; **11/12/17-8:45 a.m.-**Aspen Denne/Abby Morse; **11:00 a.m.-**Brionna Joppa/Alexis Joppa; **11/19/17-8:45 a.m.-**Abby Morse/Christopher Driscoll; **11:00 a.m.-**Breanna Coomes/Keygan Cruz; **11/26/17-8:45 a.m.-**Aspen Denne/Abby Morse; **11:00 a.m.-**Brionna Joppa/Alexis Joppa.

I want to thank all of the parents who have volunteered to serve a Wednesday night supper for the confirmands/congregation members. The following parents have volunteered to provide supper for this month: **11/1/17-**Will have subs/500 Reformation Worship in SF, **11/8/17-NO Confirmation-Guide Huddle**, **11/15/17-**Kate Shaw/LaDonna Beck, **11/22/17-NO Confirmation-Happy Thanksgiving**, **11/29/17-**Lora Erslund/Shannon Vostad.

On **Sunday, November 12, 2017 at the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.** Worship Services, the Preschool II students will receive their "Milestone Ministry" gift and blessing from the Milestone Ministry Committee. During the Sunday School hour at **10:00 a.m.**, all Preschool II students, their parents, and teachers will meet in the Fireside Room to have a time to do a learning activity together with Pastor Constanze.

The Milestone Ministry Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Church Office.

On **Sunday, November 19, 2017**, the Milestone Ministry Committee will be honoring the fourth grade students with a gift and blessing at the **8:45 and 11:00 a.m.** Worship Services. At **10:00 a.m.**, Pastor Constanze will meet the fourth grade students, their parents, and their teachers to do a learning activity in the **Fireside Room**.

Trinity Lutheran Church is responsible for the Lake County Food Pantry for November. We are collecting canned vegetables. Thank you for helping us with this project!

In observance of Thanksgiving, there will be no Confirmation classes on **Wednesday, November 22, 2017**. A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Wednesday, November 22, 2017** at the First Baptist Church.

There will be no Sunday School on **Sunday, November 26, 2017**, in observance of Thanksgiving. I hope each of you will attend the Thanksgiving Service and take a moment to ponder on all the blessings God has given you and give thanks for them!

Sandy Rhode




NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>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)</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>Council Schedule: <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>1 8:00 am Sonshine 5:30 pm Wed. Night Supper-(FH) 6:30 pm 7th & 8th Gr. Confirmation 6:45 pm HS Bible Study- (YR) **See Wednesday Schedule</p>
<p>5 **See Sunday Schedule * Daylight Savings time ends 11:00 am Celebration Service & Tschetter Baptism 5:30 pm Father Daughter Social 6:30 pm Webelos 1- (YR)</p> 	<p>6 8:00 am Sonshine 5:00 pm—8:00 pm HSLYO Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>7 8:00 am Sonshine 8:30 am Staff meeting 12:00 pm Foundation Meeting— (CR) 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH) 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18) 6:30 pm Webelos 2 Mtg-(FS)</p>	<p>8 8:00 am Sonshine 5:30 pm Wed. Night Supper-(FH) 6:30 pm 7 & 8th Gr. Confirmation 6:45 pm HS Bible Study- (YR) **See Wednesday Schedule</p>
<p>12 **See Sunday Schedule 8:45 am Traditional Service & Preschool 2— Prayers Milestone 11:00 am Celebration Service & Preschool 2— Prayers Milestone 6:30 am Webelos 1Mtg- (YR)</p>	<p>13 8:00 am Sonshine 4:00 pm Cancer Support Group-(OS) 6:30 pm Webelos 2 Mtg- (FS) 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>14 8:00 am Sonshine 8:30 am Staff meeting 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH) 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18) **See Council Schedule</p>	<p>15 8:00 am Sonshine 9:30 Ruth Circle-(off site) 5:30 pm Wed. Night Supper- (FH) 6:30 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation 6:45 pm HS Bible Study- (YR) **See Wednesday Schedule</p>
<p>19 **See Sunday Schedule 8:45 am Traditional Service & 4th Grade Milestone 9:45 am Coffee Hour & Pie Auction 11:00 am Celebration Service & 4th Grade Milestone **Jingle Change </p>	<p>20 8:00 am Sonshine 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>21 8:00 am Sonshine 8:30 am Staff meeting 9:00 am Mary Circle- (FH) 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH) 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18) 6:30 pm Boy Scout Pack 5 Mtg -(FH) 7:00 pm Martha/Naomi Circle- (off-site)</p>	<p>22 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) **See Wednesday Schedule</p>
<p>26 **See Sunday Schedule 11:00 pm Celebration Service & Ellens Twins Baptism</p> 	<p>27 8:00 am Sonshine 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>28 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)</p>	<p>29 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) **See Wednesday Schedule</p>



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>2 8:00 am Sonshine</p>	<p>3 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am Sonshine 4:00 pm Bergheim/Goree Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 11:00 am Millage Birthday party- (FS) 3:00 pm Bergheim/Goree Wedding 6:00 pm Worship -(FH)</p>	
<p>9 8:00 am Sonshine 8:00 am Preschool Conferences 8:30 am Worship Committee Mtg- (CR)</p>	<p>10 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am Sonshine</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day 6:00 pm Worship & Hall Baptism- (FH)</p> 	
<p>16 8:00 am Sonshine</p>	<p>17 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am Sonshine 9:00 pm MS & HS LYO Lock- In (FH)</p>	<p>18 12:00 am MS & HS LYO Lock- In (FH) 5:00 pm Pottluck 6:00 pm Worship & Winthers/ Murtha Double Baptism- (FH)</p>  	
<p>23 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day</p> 	<p>24 Office Closed 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)</p>	<p>25 6:00 pm Worship- (FH)</p>	
<p>30 8:00 am Sonshine</p>		<p>Room Codes: CO=Church Office CR=Conference Room FS=Fireside Room FH= Fellowship Hall S=Sanctuary SB=Sanctuary Balcony SR= Sonshine Room YR=Youth Room</p>	



TRINITY YOUTH NEWS

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

November 17-Friday 9:00 p.m.-Saturday-18, 2017- Lock-In-Bring a pillow, sleeping bag, and \$7.00 for expenses. **You must sign up for this event!** We will need a signed covenant and health form completed for this event!

December 10, 2017-1:00 p.m.-We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dozen Christmas cookies, an appetizer/snacks for snack time, we will deliver the cookies/Christmas gift to the shut-ins and then come back to church for snacks and hot cocoa.

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

November 6, 2017-5:00-8:00 p.m.-Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. We will receive a percentage of the dine-in and carry-out orders. Please plan to join us for supper with your family! This is a fundraiser for the NYG High School trip.

November 17-Friday 9:00 p.m.-Saturday-18, 2017- Help with-MS Lock-In-Bring a pillow and sleeping bag.

November 19, 2017 10:00 a.m.-We will have our annual Pie Auction in the Fellowship Hall. Buy your pies for Thanksgiving Day! The proceeds will help with expenses for the National Youth Gathering. Wayne Bessman, Auctioneer.

December 2017-Watch for more details-"The Theme Basket Raffle" is coming soon!





AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The following ninth grade youth had their Affirmation of Baptism Service

on

October 29, 2017

Jackson Henry Boldt
Colby Kyle Briggs
Allison Elizabeth Bruns
Alexis Nicolle Drew
Rylee Nicole Hall
Gabriel Mark Janke
Marissa Ann Jencks
Ty Malone Jorgenson
Kennedy Jacklyn Kern
Casey Alan Meadows
Drew Imani Moore
Samuel Richard Olson
Riley Paul Reurink
Mackenzie Ann Ryan
Ally Catherine Sahr
Makena Marlene Schultz
Rebecca Ann Sims
Brayden John Ulwelling
Emily Anna Van Liere





DO YOU KNOW?

If **you** are in this picture or know someone that is, please stop by the church office!!

Confirmation Class of 1972

Reetz MADISON



FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fall/ Winter Services

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





NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER CENTER OF HOPE



As we begin to think about the holidays ahead and prepare to gather for “Thanks” giving, we often reflect with grateful hearts on the many ways we have been blessed in our lives. We are also aware as “people of Christ” that many around us in our community and the surrounding area are struggling to “make ends meet”. As we reflect, we as members of the Trinity Lutheran family have an opportunity to learn about a ministry center in Sioux Falls that focuses its work around hope and care for others. During the month of November we will highlight the Center of Hope whose motto is, *“Sowing Seeds of God’s love...physically and spiritually”*. The Center of Hope is a ministry located on East 11th Street in downtown Sioux Falls. This organization is committed to meeting the physical or spiritual needs of anyone who comes through their doors and offering hope in the process.

One of the many services they provide includes a winter clothing ministry. Coats, overalls/snow pants, work shirts/sweatshirts, jeans, hats, gloves, and boots for all ages are offered at little or no cost to the person seeking clothing.

“The Bike to Work Ministry” program helps provide a sense of dignity to people who are unable to drive for whatever reason. There are many who have a job or who are seeking employment, but are unable to drive for a number of different reasons - such as loss of driver’s license, no vehicle or limited funds. Bikes are offered for \$5-100. Additionally individuals can bring in their bike if repairs are needed. Staff members will work alongside and assist as the repairs are made.

A number of other ministries include a sports night for youth and adults to play basketball, a “Sharing Christmas” ministry, gifts for new moms to help care for baby, and Bible study offerings. The “Care Center” is located in the 11th Street location. A faith community nurse is available to discuss health concerns, volunteers will meet and pray with anyone who desires, computers with internet and a telephone are available, and information on professional and/or social services are all offered at this location. The “Care Center” is open 7 days a week (hours are available in the web site). Underlying the work done at the Center of Hope is *1 Peter 3:15 --- “...in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”*

Please consider a financial gift this month for the Center of Hope as your way of “Thanks” giving.

Your check may be made to Trinity Lutheran with a designation of Mission of the Month –Center of Hope. VISIT THE WEBSITE: <http://www.centerofhopesf.org>



TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Can you believe we are almost finished with our second month of school!? The students have had another busy month full of fun and learning. We focused a lot on community helpers and fire safety this month. The T/Th friends had Fire Chief Randy visit them in the classroom to share his knowledge and he even brought a firetruck! The MWF friends walked to the fire station where Fire Chief Randy gave them a tour and talked to them about all of the things they can do to stay safe if there is ever a fire.

We are so lucky to be living in such a caring community!

We held our annual fall fundraiser. We decided to sell Papa Murphy's Pizzas as we did last fall and it was a success yet again! Our families sold 797 pizzas and 324 cookie doughs for a profit of \$2,732.65! The fundraisers raise money for our classroom supplies that are used to enrich students' education. Without people like you willing to support our fundraisers, we wouldn't be able to provide so many opportunities for our preschoolers. We give a huge THANK YOU to all of you who continue to support us!

We have decided to change our Preschool calendar a little this year. Rather than holding our Fall programs in November, we will be having Christmas programs. Please be watching in next month's newsletter for more information. We'd love to have you there!

Thank you all for your ongoing support and prayers. We are having a wonderful year!

Miss Summer



TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



Community Helpers

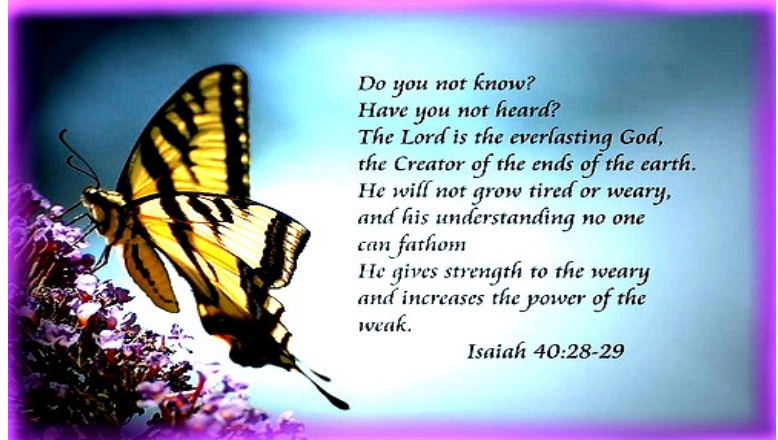




CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Deaths: Matthew Moore

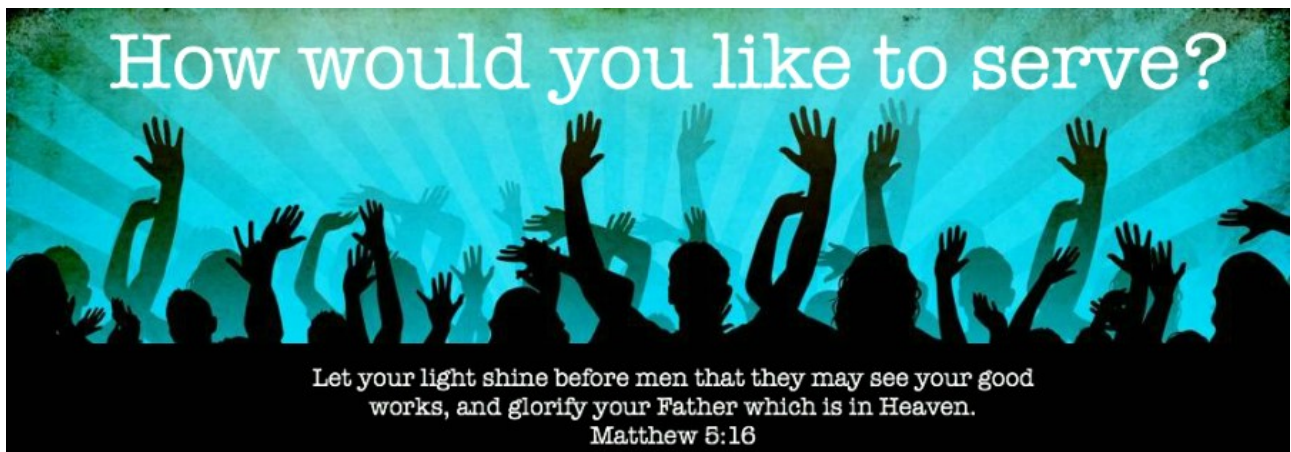
Baptisms: Elsie Jo Koch



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are in need of your time and talents 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. ****





FOUNDATION NEWS

Trinity Foundation Memorials For The Month Of September

In Memory of Bert Sample

Jon and Mary Hunter
Jean Tommeraasen
Marv and Sandy Rhode
Jon and Mary Hunter

Jean Tommeraasen
Dean and Donna Haug
Doug and Joan Merager
Lana Johnson
Matt and Kim Bruns
Wade and Jennifer Briggs



In Memory of Bob Walker To the Organ Fund

Ronald and Joyce Hunter
Bonnie Funk
Leland and Carol White
William and Judy Koob
Gene and Marilyn Hexom
Richard and Lois Sayr
Friends and Family of Bob Walker

In Memory of Barbara May

Marv and Sandy Rhode



OCTOBER COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
October 10, 2017
8:00 P.M.

“Sharing God’s Word, Doing God’s Work” Trinity’s mission statement was recited by the church council.

President David Rossing called the October council meeting to order. Council members absent and excused were: Patti Weber, Adam Shaw, and Wayne Halma.

Carolyn Feige led in devotions.

President Rossing presented the agenda with an item added to old business it was considered approved.

The council minutes from September 12th, 2017 were presented and a motion to approve was made by Ann-Marie Rossing and seconded by Jennifer Briggs. Motion passed.

Keith Knutson reported on the financial report. After a brief discussion Jennifer Briggs made a motion to approve a re-classification of accounts and Linda Brick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY:

Pastor Constanze reported:

The nominating committee is off to a good start and if we have names to nominate please send them to Nancy Presuhn or Pastor Constanze.
Staff affirmations were conducted and David and Pastor Constanze will review them soon.
Remember to hand in your Mission plan worksheet tonight.
Tracy Opdahl has resigned as our Faith Community Nurse. The task force will meet on October 25th.
A community Thanksgiving service will be held at 1st Baptist Church on November 22nd at 7:00 P.M.
She encouraged all council members to return their time & talent sheets and their giving response forms.
Reminder on October 22nd the staff, council, and leadership listening team will meet at 12:00 for lunch & at 12:30 meet for 2 to 2 ½ hours with Kairos.

Sandy Rhode, Parish Education coordinator reported:

Milestone ministry committee is working on changing some items that are presented to the Sunday school grade levels.
9th grade students confirmation orientation was held on October 4th. The confirmands have completed their stoles.
The 54 members attending the National Youth Gathering will meet quarterly to get to know one another before their bus ride to Houston.

Pastor Dirk reported:

He thanked everyone for doing the staff affirmations.
7th grade students are doing good work on their homework.
Confirmation for the 9th grade students will be October 29th at 2:00 P.M. He enjoys reading their faith statements and feels God is at work in their lives.
He welcomes everyone to attend the Confirmation Service and see the process of how people learn certain things.
He has been working on Continuing Ed in the Black Hills and has been reading “Canoeing the Mountains” and “Crazy Talk.” He said he always feels like he comes back to God’s word. He asked the council, “What is the main purpose of the church?” Pastor Dirk would like the council to think about this question this month and report back at the November council meeting with an answer.

Deacon Chairman Nancy Sabbe reported:

Completed their mission plan
Father & Daughter Social on November 5th, everyone is welcome!
They are preparing for the Celebration anniversary and have invited several people who sang with the Celebration Group to attend. We would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy a continental breakfast between services and then attend the second service for the celebration of their 25th anniversary.



OCTOBER COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

Working on All Saints Sunday, November 5th, 2017.
 Working on Advent, the devotional is making good progress
 September mission of the month was the backpack program and it raised \$398.00
 October mission of the month is Domestic violence network
 November mission of the month is Center of Hope of Sioux Falls, SD
 St. Dymas worship is October 26th
 Home communion needs volunteers

Parish Education Chairman Amy Townsend reported:
 They are discontinuing "Taking Faith Home" devotional

President David Rossing reported:
 I thought the Congregational meeting on October 1, 2017 went well. There were some excellent questions and discussion. It was very helpful for the Trustees to let the Congregation know why they were recommending contracting with the HSM firm and what they had to offer. Thank you to the Trustees for all their hard work on addressing Trinity's building needs.
 From my standpoint the annual Staff Affirmation process has begun, but has not yet been completed. The Staff Support Committee, which consists of the officers and a member from each Board, meets individually with each of the six paid staff members. This has taken place. Then the committee is asked to formulate written comments and there is an individual follow up meeting with each staff member. This is scheduled for week after next.
 He passed around a thank you from St. Dymas and the Lake County Salvation Army Unit.

Trustee Board Chairman, Keith Knutson reported:
 Randy will contact Amert's Construction to see if they can work with MSH to determine the extent of the repair work and if it is possible yet this fall for gutter removal.
 Do a follow up on chimney repair progress
 Completed the mission plan
 Have the office check on copier and a folder combination machine and when the lease is to expire
 Approved the bills

Old Business:
 Kairos update please staff, council, and listening team be in attendance on October 22nd at 12:00 noon for the Jeff Kjellberg MAP report.
 October 19th MAP closes
 Discussed reports

New Business:
 Discussion was held on the engagement letter of our Treasurer, Katie Nelson, she is to attend one meeting a month and meets with the finance committee at 1:00 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month and is paid by the hour and will answer questions from the boards within 24 hours.
 A motion was made by Keith Knutson to approve the engagement contract of Katie Nelson and seconded by Jennifer Briggs. Motion passed.

Remember to check with the church office for tickets or any questions on the gathering of the South Dakota of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the worship celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation to honor the history and future of Christ's work giving thanks for our Abundant Life Always and it will be held on Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 P.M. at the Sioux Falls Arena. Lutherans and our ministry partners will gather to sing, pray, and give thanks for the rich history that we live into – abundantly.

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

Next council meeting will be November 14th, 2017.

October treats were provided by the Deacons.

November treats will be provided by Parish Education.

December treats will be provided by the Officers.

Respectfully submitted,
 Joan Merager, Council Secretary



FATHER-DAUGHTER SOCIAL

Trinity Lutheran Church

Presents

1st Annual

Daddy – Daughter Social

“A Father’s (Love)

“[God is] the Father from whom all fatherhood derives its name.”

{Ephesians 3:15}



**Sunday, November 5th
Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison SD**

5:30pm – 7:30pm

(Doors Open at 5:00pm until 5:20pm with Grand March starting at 5:30)

3 Course Meal, Desserts, Photos, Dancing and FUN!

Girls of all ages are cordially invited to a fun filled evening! Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or any other Father Figure.

Please return the bottom portion to the church office indicating how many will be attending with appropriate payment for tickets.

Assistance is available for those who qualify.

Daughter(s) Name(s): _____

Escort Name: _____

Please indicate relation: Father Stepfather Grandfather Uncle Other

Tickets: \$25 per Couple (additional \$5.00 for each additional daughter with a family max of \$40)

	\$ _____
\$1.00 per additional guest for viewing of Grand March	\$ _____
Total Amount Due	\$ _____

Please return this portion to the church office by Friday October 30th, 2017
For more information please contact 605-256-2771



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ABUNDANT LIFE ALWAYS



COVENANT CHOIR

The Covenant Choir (grades 1 - 4) got together on Saturday morning, October 21. The fun began with Hula Hoop twirling, rehearsing upcoming songs and bobbing for apples.

The choir then traveled out to the US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Management center on Lake Madison. With Frannie the Fish, Jennifer Briggs showed the choir what we can do to keep our water clean for our fish, animals and other living things. When she took the choir outside, Jennifer showed the kids all kinds of plants and grasses. Back inside the center, the kids were able to touch preserved owls and other birds that might be seen around Madison. The center was full of interesting things to touch and see as they were reminded again of the responsibility each of us has to be a good steward of the earth.

All too soon, it was time to head back to Trinity for lunch and some time to learn more about Martin Luther.

The choir is always ready to welcome new friends. The choir meets in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:00.





TRINITY MISSION PROJECTS

Thank you to all who donated items and helped assemble **Personal Care Kits** for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) this year. Together, we were able to donate 101 care kits! These were sent along with the quilts to Brookings, then on to LWR headquarters in Minneapolis. From there, they are sent to people facing disasters worldwide.

Thank you to all who have taken **Operation Brighter Christmas** shoe boxes home to fill! Reminder that the filled boxes are due back at the church by Sunday, November 5.



COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SERVICE

Ellsworth and Willoughby Funeral Homes will be hosting the **30th Annual Community Holiday Memorial Service** on Sun., Dec. 10th at 1:30 PM at the Ellsworth Funeral Home Chapel. **Rev. Janice Antrim of Beach United Methodist Church, Howard** will give the message with **Kevin Shan** on piano. This is open to all families who have lost a loved one, regardless of funeral home preference. If you plan to attend, please call Ellsworth Funeral Home at 256-2221 or Willoughby Funeral Home at 772-4681 so your loved one can be included in the service bulletin. Refreshments and homemade holiday treats will follow.





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

HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

Thank you to the following people that helped with Home Communion last weekend.
Ann Marie and David Rossing, Tom and Joyce Farrell,
Roger Moose, Cindy and Doug Neilson,
Bobbi and Ron Janke.



BULLETIN BOARD NEWS

Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the latest Missionary updates, thank-you's, and other bits of information!





STRAIGHT OFF THE TRUCK



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A giving program sponsored by Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota, a ministry of the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA and its partners

The gift of commodities is a donation where everyone benefits. The tax advantages available to ag producers operating on a cash basis become very apparent when compared to selling the grain and donating cash. Those tax savings mean you're able to make a larger gift and a greater impact on the ministries you support.

Selling grain or livestock and making a charitable contribution in cash requires reporting of the sale and payment of self-employment and income taxes. Unless you itemize, this is a non-deductible gift. Even if you do itemize, you will still owe self-employment tax. If you gift the commodity directly instead, you will typically owe neither the income tax nor the self-employment tax, yet will still be able to claim your expenses.

HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TAX-WISE STRATEGY:

- ◆ Contact your accountant or tax attorney to determine if/how this type of gift might benefit you.
- ◆ Contact Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota, your congregation or charitable ministry to see if they have an account at your elevator or sale barn. If so, you can proceed with the gift. If not, have them establish an account at your elevator or sale barn.
- ◆ When you deliver the commodity to the elevator or sale barn, make sure they deposit the portion you wish to gift into the account for the Synod, congregation and/or ministry(ies) of your choice.
- ◆ Do not give the elevator or sale barn permission to sell the charitable portion. Instead, notify us that you made the gift. (We will contact the elevator or sale barn to authorize the immediate sale and avoid storage fees).
- ◆ Keep a record of your gift and our acknowledgment for FSA yield verification of donated bushels, as the settlement sheet will list the charity as seller.

If you or your congregation have questions about how to handle a gift of a commodity, contact Kathy McHenry of Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota at (605) 274-5030 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org.

Yes, I want to participate in Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota's STRAIGHT OFF THE TRUCK program.

I want to give a total of _____ bushels of

- Corn Soybeans
 Wheat Other Commodity _____

I want to give _____ (# of head) of
 Cattle Hogs Other _____

A checkmark in this box verifies this commodity does not have a lien against it; or if so, a lien waiver from the lender is attached.

I want to gift other appreciated assets (stock, real estate, etc.) Please contact me with details about the appropriate procedures.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

Email: _____

Lutheran Congregation/Ministries* to receive gifts:

_____	_____ %
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_____	_____ %
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*Visit www.lpgsd.org for information about all LPGSD partners. (Must total 100%)

Signature _____ Date: _____

Grain Elevator/Auction Barn: _____

Anticipated date of grain/livestock delivery: _____

Please mail, fax or email this form to:

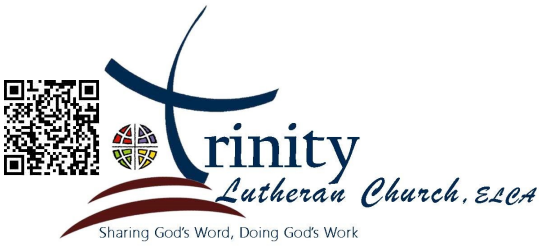
Kathy J. McHenry, Executive Director
Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota
2001 S. Summit Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57197
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THANK YOU

A special THANK YOU to Sandra Ayers for donating a beautiful new sewing machine to the quilters!



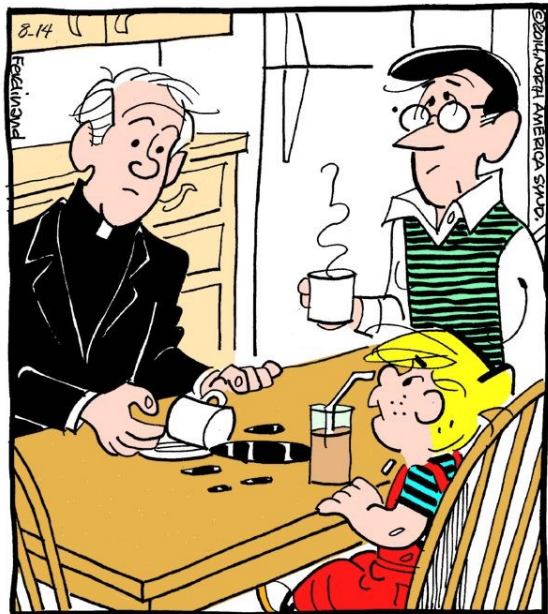


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