

President's Message

Hello Everyone,
I wanted to give you a quick update on things going on around Trinity.

Pr. Solveig has submitted her resignation as our Interim Pastor effective June 27th. The Council will be working closely with the Synod to get us another Interim Pastor as soon as we can. Until that happens, we may have to rely on members of our congregation to share their gifts with us on Sundays as we get through another time of transition.

The Call Committee is still patiently waiting for a Lead Pastor candidate from the Synod. Currently there are many vacancies within the Synod and surrounding areas, and with everything going on in the world, many Pastors are finding it a hard time to make a major change. We will continue to wait patiently for the right person to come along. We are committed to finding the best person for Trinity, not just someone to fill the seat.

As of the June Council meeting, the Council has decided the time has come to loosen some of our Covid restrictions. Beginning immediately, masks will no longer be required in the building or during church services. The hymnals will be placed back in the pews and congregational singing will resume. Other restrictions will remain in place for a little while longer. We are still looking at the data and CDC guidelines, and will continue to work toward loosening all restrictions sooner than later. We all want our Trinity to be back to "normal" as soon as possible, and we are working hard to do this in a fashion that is safe for all of us. If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to reach out to any of your Council members and have a polite discussion with them.

That is all I have today.

Thank you and have a great day!!

Council President,
Rob Thuringer

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends in Christ at Trinity Lutheran, Madison, SD,

The Intentional Interim begins with termination. It concerns the stage marked by the departure of the incumbent pastor. It concerns the closure of a chapter in the congregation's life that began when the person who has left was called. It is a time of farewell, with all the accompanying emotions of separation and uncertainty.

The end of the pastorate impels the congregation to the second stage of the journey, direction finding. This is a time of learning about the steps to be taken before a new pastor will be called. You are in this stage as you seek help from the Intentional Interim Pastor and help from the synod. This is the time of learning about the synod's guidance in finding a new Senior lead pastor. Now we also enter into self-study. This should be an unhurried process of the congregation looking at itself, gathering data, and preparing the call committee to seek a pastor. It is a careful and deliberate process of evaluation.

The fourth stage in the journey is the actual search, which Trinity has begun. The search stage requires

intensive work by the council and other leaders in the congregation.

Stage five in the journey is called decision. This is the exciting time of the search when a candidate is presented and the congregation decides whether or not to extend a call.

As the congregation progresses through the stages of the interim journey, it undertakes the developmental tasks, guided and encourage by the Intentional Interim Pastor.

We are in a time of grieving the losses, anticipation of what is to come and some are cooperative and some are not.

We must remember to PRAY for congregation, PRAY for our leaders, and PRAY for our Synod leaders.

God bless each of you.

Pastor Solveig Larson Hendrickson



Rev. Solveig Hendrickson

April 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
April 13, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Council members recited Trinity's mission statement "Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work."

President Rob Thuringer called the April council meeting to order. Rob introduced our Interim Pastor Solveig and he asked each council member to introduce themselves and tell what position they held on the council. Members absent and excused were: Sid Gulbranson, Josh Van Dyke, Tim Walburg, Susan Farrell-Poncelet, and Jennifer Briggs.

Vice President, Danny Brown led the council in devotions.

The Agenda was presented by President Thuringer and with no new additions. Ryan Townsend made a motion to approve and Brianna Routier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The March 9th council minutes were presented and with no new additions, President Thuringer asked for a motion to approve and Danny Brown made the motion and Ryan Townsend seconded. Motion approved.

The Treasurer's report was discussed and we are \$9,600.00 behind and Bridget Van Liere made a motion to accept the report and Corey Strom seconded. Motion accepted.

Staff Reports were presented by:

Pastor Solveig reported:

- She is happy to be an Interim with Trinity Lutheran Church, she has been at the church 3 weeks and has had 3 funerals and Holy Week.
- 6th graders did their 1st communion on Maundy Thursday, and they received their Bibles, as it was delayed because of Covid 19.
- Confirmation will be at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 18th also this was delayed because of Covid 19.
- Seniors will be honored on May 2, 2021 at Worship services.
- She has had a few private communions

President Rob Thuringer reported:

- He reported the Call Committee paperwork has all been completed and submitted and we are patiently waiting for names of candidates.

Vice President Danny Brown reported:

- A gift card was purchased from Crossroads and presented to Pastor Dirk on his resignation effective April 16th, 2021.

Board of Deacon Chairman Jim Iverson reported:

- He informed the council that the South Dakota

Synod Assembly will be held on June 4th & 5th and will be Virtual (the first time in history for the South Dakota Synod). Trinity Lutheran Church is allowed to have 5 delegates and they must be registered by May 10th. The 600 Lutheran delegates will be on Zoom.

- Jim Iverson will send an e-mail to ask for South Dakota Synod delegates.
- Rotating our serving groups for council has worked very well for providing ushers, greeters, and scripture readers. Thank you, Jim Iverson, for this idea!
- WORSHIP & MUSIC: The committee discussed outdoor services this summer, possibly on the 2nd Sunday in June, July, & August. The Celebration Team does not want to move all their equipment elsewhere. The board agreed. No decision on other locations.
- Question on who placed the hymnals back in the sanctuary?
- Reviewed the updated guidelines from the SD Synod ELCA on Covid-19 noting that until we reach increased number of vaccinations in the county and the state, the current practices are continuing. Nancy Sabbe found an excellent online resource dealing with the question of resuming safe congregational singing. The website address is: www.thehymnsociety.org/covid-19/. On that site, it shows the number of vaccinated people in the US. As of this meeting, the total number of vaccinated people were 21.9%. The website has a graph which shows that once the scale reaches 50%, churches can "prepare for singing." At 80%, singing can fully resume once again. We looked up the Lake County numbers as of this meeting, and 18.1% of the residents in the county were fully vaccinated. We all agreed that we must continue to look at the data and the science surrounding COVID-19, and continue to "stay the course" until more people in Lake County are fully vaccinated.

Board of Trustee Chairman Dana Hoff reported:

- Approved paying the bills
- Dana will check with Janitor Scotty on our snow blower which he reported is not in good shape.
- Corey will check on our insurance and get information about work comp and who is covered on our health insurance.
- Corey and Josh reported the new equipment has

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been ordered for the video recording camera

- Jona Schmidt our "I AM IN" Campaign Chairman has resigned her position from the Capital Campaign. We will check with Alex about statements and when those will be sent out and we would like to acknowledge the members who have completed their pledges.

Board of Parish Education report was given by Bridget Van Liere:

- Discussed Madison High School Baccalaureate donation.
- May 2nd will be Senior Sunday and 18 seniors will be honored at worship services.
- April 18th will be Confirmation at Trinity Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. for 17 students and their pictures have been taken.
- Robin H. will be discussing with the confirmation students how to acolyte and also how to greet and usher.
- 8th graders have been ushering, and greeting at Lenten services.
- Preschool has a Facebook page.
- Multiple applicants have been received for the preschool teacher and they will be working through those and they reported they were happy to receive a United Way grant to allow for monthly benefit stipend for the teacher.
- 5th graders will be preparing for their 1st communion and to hold their First Communion class before Memorial Day.
- Camperships are available and parents must contact the Board of Ed. by May 9th to receive.
- Younger youth are doing the Spark curriculum and doing sign language and working on The Lord's Prayer.
- Discussing Vacation Bible School
- Miracle Treat Day
- Two board member terms will expire in June from the Preschool Board and Rob & Danny will check how we replace their terms following the correct guidelines. We must inform the nominating committee for next year that the Preschool board members one year term is up in July.

We received a letter from Madison High School asking that we donate \$20.00 a student for Baccalaureate for the 18 seniors from Trinity Lutheran Church which would total \$360.00. Jim Iverson made the motion to give the \$360.00 to the MHS Baccalaureate and Danny Brown seconded. The motion passed.

New Business:

- A motion was made by Becky Brown to approve of applying for the PPP Round 2, and handle it the same as we did the PPP Round 1 loan that became a grant, and we will follow the same rules. Corey Strom seconded. Motion passed.
- Singing in church was discussed but we must follow the graph and we are not close yet.
- Pastor Solveig is adding the Creed and reading it and the congregation can answer "I Do." And we will continue with small steps for safety.
- They will be printing information about singing and worship for the congregation in the bulletin.
- Discussed opening the Fellowship Hall and right now a Sunday school class is held in the hall and we will revisit this in May as Sunday school will be ending on Mother's Day.
- Discussed who unlocks the church on Sunday mornings and Pastor Solveig has been doing this.
- Our Wedding Coordinator, Robin Boldt, has resigned. Kristin Morse will talk to Robin about her duties and bring information back to the council in May.
- Corey Strom is checking with Terry Schultz on a scrolling sign.

A motion to adjourn the council meeting was made by Danny Brown and seconded by Corey Strom. Motion passed.

Pastor Solveig closed the meeting with prayer.

Next council meeting will be May 11th.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Merager, Council Secretary

Faith Formation Update

Senior Sunday, Sunday, May 2nd—Graduates were blessed and given a quilt made by the Trinity Piecemakers.

Confirmation, Wednesday, May 5th—Last day for 7th and 8th Grade confirmands. 7th graders served as acolytes for the month of May. 8th graders completed their faith statements.

Sunday School, Sunday, May 9th—Wrapped up with a day of fun activities in the FH.

First Communion, May 12th—23rd—5th graders attended classes and received their First Communion on Sunday, May 23 at the 11 a.m. service.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays		01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM - 10:30AM Staff Meeting • 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting
06 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM - 10:30AM Summer Worship w/3 Baptisms • 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	07	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM - 10:30AM Staff Meeting • 12:00PM - 1:00PM Finance Meeting • 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting • 5:00PM - 6:00PM Precouncil Executives' Meeting • 6:30PM - 7:00PM Trustees' Board Meeting ; Deacons' Board Meeting ; Parish Education Board Meeting • 7:00PM - 9:00PM Council Meeting
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM - 10:30AM Summer Worship • 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM - 10:30AM Staff Meeting • 9:30AM - 11:00AM Mary Circle • 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM - 10:30AM Summer Worship • 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM - 10:30AM Staff Meeting • 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting
27 <i>Pastor Solveig's Last Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM - 10:30AM Summer Worship • 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM - 10:30AM Staff Meeting • 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting

2021

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
02	03	04 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study • SD Synod Assembly 	05 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD Synod Assembly • 2:00PM - 3:00PM Pete Struwe Funeral
09	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	12
16	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	19
23	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	26
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Mission Kit Bags Available

School Kit and Personal Care Kit bags are both now in the narthex on the table near the elevator. Take some home, fill them with the items on the attached list and bring them back by Rally Sunday, September 12, 2021.

As noted previously, the kits we put together in 2019/2020, along with quilts made by the Trinity Piecemakers, were needed and stayed right here in our community. As we look ahead, we do not know where our quilts and kits will be needed. However, we do know that wherever they go and whomever receives them, they will be welcomed and cherished, bringing hope and comfort to those experiencing crisis.

Items needed for a Personal Care Kit include a light-weight bath towel (dark color preferred), 3 bars of soap, a toothbrush (in original packaging), and nail clippers.

Items needed for a School Kit include 4 (70 sheet) notebooks, 12" ruler with inches & centimeters, pencil sharpener, blunt (rounded) scissors, 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, 5 black or blue ballpoint pens, one box of 24 crayons, and 2½" eraser.

Please return your filled bags to the church by Rally Sunday, September 12, 2021, or any time before that. There is a bin marked "Mission Kits" in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!



South Dakota Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the triune God. – I hope these words find you soaking up the warmth of summer. While last year we postponed family and class reunions and avoided gatherings altogether due to the pandemic, I hope you are back to do what you enjoy, being together in community.

While you read these lines I will be visiting my family in Germany. I have not seen my parents or my son, who works and lives there, in two years. My Mom was diagnosed with dementia a few years ago, and my dad and our son are the sole caretakers. I will use my time to check in with doctors, see how my family is holding up and enjoy my afternoon pastries while visiting those I love.

I give thanks for regaining the freedom to travel again. Are there restrictions? Absolutely! But because vaccinations in the US moved along fast we are able to enjoy traveling much safer again. Did you get your vaccine yet? I did. But I have to admit I am among those who reluctantly went to be vaccinated. Yes, I had fears, I had questions, I wanted to wait, but faithful conversations with medical personnel and scientists assured me that I will be okay. Did it take care of all of my reluctance? Honestly, no, it hasn't, but I trust that those who work with and on vaccines know and answer truthfully. And has a person of faith I trust that in the midst of science and my fears God holds me and cares for my doubts and all. If you have fears about the vaccine talk to your doctor or a medical provider you trust to help you ease your fears, and may-

be with more conversations you one day will also be ready to reluctantly get vaccinated. But no matter what, know that regardless you are a beloved child of God.

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

Spark of the Holy Spirit

By: Rev. Jonathan Steiner

Did you hear something at Synod Assembly that sparked your curiosity? Maybe there was a ministry you wanted to learn more about or a person you wanted to connect with more. Perhaps that is the Holy Spirit stirring something in you that will grow into something incredible.

As Lutherans, we confess in the third article of the Creed that God "calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church." God is at work through us to do wondrous things in the world. Our church is the blessing from God that we are connected to each other through our faith, through the grace of God, through our relationships with one another.

Like blowing on a flame to get a fire going, maybe the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, is blowing on the spark of curiosity to set our hearts on fire. I am happy to point you or your community in the right direction to learn more about what God is up to in the South Dakota Synod. Please reach out to me if you would like to set up a meeting or get connected.

Missionary Update Excerpt–May 2021

By: Rev. Stephen Deal, San José, Costa Rica

Costa Rica is in the middle of its 3rd wave since the COVID pandemic began in March 2020. This wave has been worse than the previous two. The likely causes of this 3rd wave were the arrival of new, more contagious variants from other parts of the world; at the same time, a significant percentage of the population prematurely abandoned tried-and-true prevention measures (hand washing, the use of masks and physical distancing), despite repeated warnings to the contrary.

Much like the daily counts of COVID cases, there has been extensive media coverage of the number of migrant children trying to enter the US from Mexico, as well as the treatment they receive while in the custody of Customs & Border Patrol (CBP) agents.

Five years ago, the AMMPARO strategy adopted overwhelmingly by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2016 identified the principal causes as “...**extreme violence, poverty, lack of access to educational and employment opportunities, and environmental displacement...**” In truth, not much has changed.

The driving forces behind Central American migration will not weaken anytime soon. Slowing this migration exodus will be just as challenging as ending the COVID pandemic, maybe more so. It will take years of sustained effort with a focus on the root causes.

Sign Up for the Weekly E-News

Did you know that the church office sends out a weekly e-mail with announcements and current events? Contact the church office to sign up today in order to stay connected in these changing times.

Preschool Registration Now Open

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is now accepting reservations for enrollment for 3-year and 4-year classes for the 2021–2022 school year. To reserve a spot, contact the board at tlpsmadisonsd@gmail.com or call 256-2771.

15th Bethel Foundation Golf Tourney
Thursday, July 29, 2021

Madison Golf & Country Club
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Team of 4 Fee: \$400
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- 18 Holes of Golf (for 4)
- 1/2 Cart
- Sack Lunch
- Gift
- 2 Flight Prizes
- Pin Prizes

REGISTER BY:
Monday, July 26th
bethelcommunity.com/foundation

OR CONTACT:
Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation
(605) 256-4539 Ext 6

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COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS WILL BE IN PLACE DURING PUBLIC WORSHIP

IF YOU ARE SUFFERING FROM SYMPTOMS PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND

BEFORE ENTERING THE CHURCH

FACE MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR UNVACCINATED VISITORS, BUT IS ENCOURAGED FOR ALL

USE HAND SANITIZER BEFORE ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

PLEASE RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCING OF ALL GUESTS WHILE IN THE CHURCH

SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE BROADCAST ONLINE AND ON KJAM

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE MENTIONED GUIDELINES MAY CHANGE AND BE UPDATED EACH WEEK OR AS NEEDED.

THE CHURCH STAFF AND COUNCIL THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONSIDERATION

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials as of June 1, 2021

In Memory of Jack Mader
Bev Mader
Joyce Strom

In Memory of Ron Howard
Dennis and Nancy Rook
Dwayne and Rhonda Gjoraas

In Memory of Chad Cooney
Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Memory of Joe Moore
Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Memory of Landon Gulbranson
Dennis and Nancy Rook

In Memory of Arlyce Schut
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Financial Giving Options

- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Credit cards can be processed in the church office.
- The church website (www.tlcmadison.com) allows for one-time or recurring donations using a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card.
- The Electronic Giving option through Vanco can also be initialized by filling out an application form in the church office.
- We also have a quick and easy Give+ Mobile App option for financial giving from your portable device! Just download the app! Available for Apple and Android, it's usable with bank routing and account numbers or credit card/bank cards. This app can be used to set up long-term giving options or for a one-time use.
- 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 256-2771.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Pete Struwe on June 1

Baptisms: Kaison Jensen on June 6

Logan Brunick on June 6

Jaden Jongeling on June 6

Weddings: none

Mission of the Month

The June Mission of the Month is Voice of the Martyrs.

Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes to Mission of the Month Fund.

Help Wanted

Trinity Lutheran Church has a job opening for a wedding coordinator. Contact the church office if interested.

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for June is toilet paper.