

# Trinity News

## August 2021

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## Mission

## Statement

### Grow Faith,



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This month I would like to share some pieces of an article that Bishop Jon V. Anderson provided on the topic of "Drought."

Where is God in the time of drought, behind it or working to end it? What is simply the mysterious forces of our planet earth's atmosphere? What are human beings responsible for in these odd patterns? Droughts make you ask questions of many kinds.

Every day of our life is a critical moment. These days you can see that more obviously. As the cracks in the ground open, plants are doing what we need to do: sink our roots more deeply into the ground of our faith. It is a good time to recover your practice of reading scripture, praying for others, and doing works of love in response to the works of love we know through God's Story with humanity. These are critical days. We humbly pray, "Dear God bring seasonable rain to call your earth and your people out of this drought. God, we trust you are in this with us and will lead us out of this drought because of your gracious love."

*Gracious God, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.*

*Reveal your presence so that all may know your healing, hope, and love.*

*As one community on earth bound together by your grace,*

*inspire us to pray, serve, and help all those who suffer.*

*Sustaining God, you shower your creation with the gifts of your fruitfulness.*

*Send your gifts of rain and nourishment to areas broken by drought and extreme heat.*

*Wash them in your goodness so all may know of your care and love. Gracious God, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. reveal your presence so that all may know your healing, hope, and love.*

*(Source: Bishop Jon V. Anderson)*

Please keep praying for our farmers and those who work with the land that God will provide what the earth and plants need for a fruitful harvest.

Brian McNeill  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council President

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes July 7, 2021

## *Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others*

**Welcome** by President Brian McNeill at 7:06 PM. Members present were Adam Kolander, Diane Schuerman, Toni Lindstrom, Jason Anderson, Jason Heinzig, Maureen Erdman, Jodee Erickson and Bill Hoberg. Absent was Robert Neuman.

**Devotions** by President Brian from Psalm 29:11. "May the Lord give strength to his people. May the Lord bless his people with peace." We need to focus on all the good things in our lives.

**Additions to the agenda** – No additions

### **Reports:**

**Secretary Jodee Erickson** – The June minutes were reviewed and approved by email.

**Financial Secretary Pam Anderson** – Motion by Jason H to approve with second by Toni. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Bill Hoberg** – June total income was \$6921.75 and total expenses were \$12,002.86. Checking account balance as of June 30, 2021 was \$22,230.77. Motion by Jason A to approve with second by Diane. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Board of Education and Youth** – Committee did not meet. Sunday School Superintendent Jamie Moe will be working on a template and fall ideas for Sunday School. The committee will then meet later this month to discuss those plans.

**Outreach and Community Relations (B.A.C.K.)** – Did not meet. Adam spoke with Julie McNeill regarding plans for Team Promise.

**Property and Grounds** – The five thermostats need replacing as they are not working properly. There are two choices from Craig's, Inc. - Honeywell VisionPro Thermostat with touch screen and WiFi capa-

bility and Honeywell T6 Pro Thermostat with push buttons and no WiFi capability. Motion by Adam to approve the purchase of five Honeywell VisionPro Thermostats at a cost of \$2,359.00 with second by Maureen. Motion carried.

We have received bids for tree removal and trimming around the parsonage from Mitch Koosman and A.L.T. Tree Services. Bill volunteered to obtain set bids from both for the removal of the two large trees and the birch tree stump with and without clean up. Tabled until the August meeting.

We also have bids for gutters for the church and parsonage. Clarification is needed on those bids before we can proceed. Tabled until the August meeting.

**Stewardship and Finance** – Did not meet.

**Worship and Music** – Did not meet, but it was reported that various issues have occurred with the recording of services. The council decided that we should take a pause on recording of the services until we have a pastor in place. It would be best if the focus could be working to provide the best quality for in-person worship. Volunteers are still needed to help do the slides.

**Call Committee** – There is an ongoing search by the committee.

### **Discussions:**

**Interim update** – As we search for an interim, we will have pulpit supply each Sunday. The Synod could have recorded sermons to use, if a pastor is not available for a given Sunday, with lay people doing the rest of the service. Staying positive is so important.

**Locking the church** – Bill volunteered to do this when Brian is not available.

**Shut-Ins** – This is a concern. Di-

ane would be willing to call on members where needed.

**Confirmation** – If we do not have an interim by September, we will need to have someone work with the confirmands so that their education can continue.

**Pastoral care** – In case of emergencies, we will be working to ensure a pastor is available.

### **Old Business:**

**Bids on tree removal and gutters on the church and parsonage** are tabled as outlined in the Property and Grounds report.

**Money to charitable organization** from the Pastor Magnus "Bud" Peterson estate in the amount of \$756.60 – Motion by Diane with second by Toni to donate \$756.60 to Second Harvest. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

**Parsonage List** – Items that need to be addressed are – Window coverings on all windows; two window screens need to be replaced in the living room; a good cleaning; carpet needs to be replaced on the main level at some point; wait on painting of walls. In the event that the quilters need to move their supplies, it was suggested that possibly the youth could help them with this project.

**Announcements** – August newsletter articles are due by July 19. The next Church Council Meeting will be August 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourned** by President Brian at 8:37 PM

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jodee Erickson, Council Secretary

## JUNE 2021 INCOME

ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 6,575.00
LOOSE	\$ 139.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$ 13.75
INTIAL	\$ 2.00
SYNOD SALARY	<u>\$ 192.00</u>
JUNE INCOME	\$ 6,921.75

## INCOME COMPARISON

YTD 2021	\$ 76,707.49
YTD 2020 (4,492.00 to Team Promise, 1,000 to WELCA, 2,500 from WELCA for lighting, 3,000 Roofing, 500, Hospital remembrance, 2997.00 Thrivent, 20,800 Loan/grant, 200 rent)	\$ 98,304.27

## MEMORIALS/GIFTS RECEIVED

In Memory of Merlin Simonson	
\$ 20.00	Memorial Fund
In Memory of Jeff Anderson	
\$ 10.00	Memorial fund

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT (First Security)

ALTAR FUND	\$ 1,079.91
BUILDING FUND	\$ 303.00
HANDBELLS	\$ 793.73
LANDSCAPING	\$ 2,000.00
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 808.00
MEMORIAL FUND (+25.00)	\$ 2,335.08
MUSIC FUND	\$ 542.94
PARKING LOT FUND	\$ 3,258.50
ROCK	\$ 163.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL/VBS FUND	\$ 2,809.51
TEAM PROMISE	\$ 2,604.00
VIDEO PROJECT	\$ 1,607.21
INTEREST (+ 2.28)	<u>\$ 39.09</u>
BALANCE TO DATE	\$ 18,343.97

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT (Bank of the West)

BUILDING & GROUNDS	
Large (+ 1702.36)	\$ 1,702.36
Furniture (+ 680.94)	\$ 11,740.79
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	
Global (+ 680.94)	\$ 11,407.46
Local (+ 1021.41)	\$ 11,444.53
EMERGENCY (+ 680.94)	\$ 22,026.53
MARKETING (+ 340.47)	\$ 3,537.06
TRANSPORTAION (+ 680.94)	\$ 14,851.50
INTEREST + 8.16))	\$ 933.52
ENDOWMENT (+ 1021.41)	\$ 1,021.41
LOCAL CHARITY (+ 756.60)	<u>\$ 756.60</u>
TOTAL	\$ 79,421.76

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## Income & Expense- Budget vs. Actual

### January through June 2021

	Jan - Jun 21	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Offering	71,659.45		
Transfers	1,750.00		
Other	3,398.04		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>76,807.49</u>		
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Regular Expenses</b>			
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>			
Organist	2,513.40	4,145.70	60.6%
Secretary	5,342.40	10,812.00	49.4%
Custodian	1,130.76	5,233.20	21.6%
Payroll Taxes Church	641.57	1,544.60	41.5%
Pastor	32,960.52	65,921.00	50.0%
Mileage	151.93	2,000.00	7.6%
Pension and Related	6,954.60	13,909.20	50.0%
Health Savings Account	0.00	600.00	0.0%
Pulpit Supply	285.00	480.00	59.4%
Continuing Education	0.00	750.00	0.0%
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<u>49,980.18</u>	<u>105,395.70</u>	<u>47.4%</u>
<b>Utilities</b>			
Light & Water Parsonage	647.91	1,300.00	49.8%
Light & Water Church	2,036.78	4,500.00	45.3%
Telephone Church	823.76	1,650.00	49.9%
Fuel Parsonage	292.37	600.00	48.7%
Fuel Church	2,100.01	4,000.00	52.5%
Garbage	163.18	700.00	23.3%
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<u>6,064.01</u>	<u>12,750.00</u>	<u>47.6%</u>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Conference Dues & Registration	435.00	1,000.00	43.5%
Mowing and Related	400.00	1,700.00	23.5%
Snow Removal and Related	656.25	1,750.00	37.5%
<b>Commitment</b>			
Radio Ministry	1,085.00	1,820.00	59.6%
Southwest Minnesota Synod	7,000.00	7,000.00	100.0%
Bible Camp	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.0%
<b>Total Commitment</b>	<u>9,585.00</u>	<u>10,320.00</u>	<u>92.9%</u>
Library	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Insurance	5,970.00	5,700.00	104.7%
Workmans Comp Insurance	0.00	1,200.00	0.0%
Church Supplies	2,667.65	7,000.00	38.1%
Sunday School Supplies	205.36	1,000.00	20.5%
Music	0.00	900.00	0.0%
Postage	420.00	950.00	44.2%
Maintenance	3,996.12	6,500.00	61.5%
R.O.C.K. Ministries	18.00	200.00	9.0%
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<u>24,353.38</u>	<u>38,520.00</u>	<u>63.2%</u>
<b>Total Regular Expenses</b>	<u>80,397.57</u>	<u>156,665.70</u>	<u>51.3%</u>
<b>Misc Exp (Transfers)</b>			
TEAM PROMISE	325.00		
Video System	911.43		
Food Shelf	1,625.00		
Missions	1,500.00		
Transfer for Flowers	103.82		
<b>Total Misc Exp (Transfers)</b>	<u>4,465.25</u>		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>84,862.82</u>	<u>156,665.70</u>	<u>54.2%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-8,055.33</u></u>	<u><u>-156,665.70</u></u>	<u><u>5.1%</u></u>

Checking Balance 6-30-2021 \$ 22,230<sup>77</sup>

# Members Serving in the Month of August

## Usher

Rob Anderson  
Mark Schwarz  
Ron Lundebrek  
Dale Luschen

## Altar Guild

Cindy Steffen  
Janet Hoffman

## Computer operator:

8/01 Shelly Mikkelson  
8/08 Marlene  
8/15 Laura  
8/22 Becky  
8/29 Marlene Giese

## Slide preparer:

8/01 Shelly Mikkelson  
8/08 Marlene Giese  
8/15 Laura Rear  
8/22 Becky Woitte  
8/29 Marlene Giese

## Coffee Hour

8/01  
8/08  
8/15  
8/22  
8/29

## Lectors

8/01 Stacy Lindahl  
8/08 Susan Egenes  
8/15 Byron Giese  
8/22 Diane Schuerman  
8/29 Volunteer

## ATTENDANCE

Date	In Person	Communed
7/04	37	36
7/11	51	
7/18	45	
7/25	39	

## JULY STATISTICAL CHANGE

### Births

7/4 Eiler James Petersen  
son of Sam & Tori

### Weddings

7/10 Jordan Schuerman  
& Kaitlyn Stein @ St  
Mathias Church in  
Hampton MN

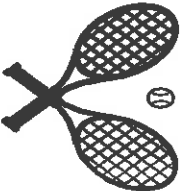



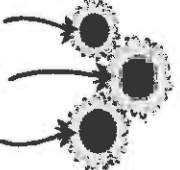
### Funerals

7/10 Richard Teske

### Sympathies to

Lynne Payne & family  
on the death of her  
father, Romandus  
Gisleson. His funeral  
was 7/22 in Postville,  
Iowa



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00- Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00-Council	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00- Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00-Communion Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	<b>16</b> Newsletter Articles due	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Swift County Fair	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00- Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30-volunteers for newsletter	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00- Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>	<b>August 2021</b> 			

## Women of Trinity

WELCA held a meeting on July 11th to discuss the Salad Luncheon on Sept. 14th from 11:00 to 1:30.

The salad luncheon committee will be meeting to organize the event. At this time work units 3, 4, 1 will be asked to serve. We hope as many as possible can help when called.

We are hoping that the salad luncheon will be able to happen and, that we can get back to "normal"

WELCA co chairs,  
Janet and Julie

## Thank you notes

- Hey! Thanks for the Surprise Party! Lois
- Thank you to everyone who assisted me when I fainted in church. Your help, concerns and prayers were greatly appreciated. Rob Anderson
- Thank you to the Trinity Family for all your help and caring at the time of Richard's death and illness. Thank you to the ladies who served the lunch at the funeral and the visitation. Thank you for the cards and a special thank you to Marlys Boone who came to the house a lot and helped me through it. And Shelly Mikkelson for the music and Miriam Lindblad for the organ, and Pastor Zane Anderson for the service. I Love Trinity and all the people in it. Verna, Dennis, Tom & Judy Teske, all of Dick's family
- Trinity Lutheran quilters, Thank you for the special gift of the cow quilt on the occasion of my retirement. It was such a nice surprise! I believe it has already found its place on the bed in what is quickly becoming our cow themed guest room! Thanks so much! Pastor Art
- Members of Trinity, Thank you for all your thoughtfulness on the occasion of my retirement. It has been a great pleasure to serve as your pastor for the last seven years. God's blessings to you all as you continue in Christ's mission! Pastor Art

## August Birthdays

- 1 Teagan Bluhm
- 1 JoAnn Pettit
- 2 Laura Lsaiwagie
- 2 Carson Olson
- 2 Luke Schwarz
- 4 Dylan Wrobleski
- 5 Chaden Carroll
- 5 Christopher Giese
- 6 Shirley Grothe
- 6 Jill Grussing
- 8 Brooke Hoberg
- 9 Susan Egenes
- 10 Barb Brown
- 12 Cole Grussing
- 12 Angela Marohl
- 13 Jordan Grussing
- 14 Aubree Lien
- 15 Keanen Aust
- 15 Jerome Lysen
- 16 Jessica Anderson
- 16 Jeremy Aust
- 16 Scott Huston
- 17 Linda Feda
- 17 Cindy Steffen
- 19 Krysta Connolly
- 19 Cohen Groinus
- 19 Gracie Grussing
- 19 Derrick Moser
- 20 Sara Larson
- 21 Judy Hoberg
- 21 Brian Ruppe
- 22 Austin Aeikens
- 22 Kathy Johnson
- 22 Janet Ohmacht
- 24 Amanda Egenes
- 26 Coltan Hoberg
- 26 Ava Hoffman
- 27 Anthony Aeikens
- 27 Julie Anderson
- 27 Michael Hadfield
- 27 Brett Hoffman
- 28 Taylor Duncan
- 30 Debra Bartz
- 31 Joe Wogan