

# Trinity News

## October 2021

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## Mission

### Statement

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



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Dear members and friends of Trinity Lutheran:

Jesus says in Matthew 7:5 “You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.” At the time I am writing this, the log is still in Gwen and my eyes, but it won’t be for long. I am using the log in our eyes as a metaphor for unpacking, keeping us from completely doing what needs to be done here at Trinity. We are almost done. By the time you are reading this we hope to be unpacked and then we are here, ready to do church with all of you in Trinity.

We are so thankful for everything that happened before we got here and since our arrival. Thank you to the ladies who made the parsonage feel like a home again. Thank you to those who helped move the quilters’ materials to their new home. Thank you to those who painted, hung curtains and blinds, or did any work in the parsonage at all. You’ve made the house into a home for us!

Thank you to all people who made our first Sunday, your Rally Sunday, such a great day. Thank you, God, for the absolutely beautiful day. Thank you to all who brought games, and to those who helped set-up and/or tear down. Thank you to those who planned the event. Thank you to everyone who attended this event with such enthusiasm.

You have made us feel so welcomed. Thank you. This is not real easy to do always. You’ve lost a wonderful pastor who was here for many years. You might be grieving this loss yet, and that’s to be expected. We understand. At the same time, your smiles and conversations still make us feel as if we have been welcomed. We will be working hard to learn all of your names, and we will. Allow us a little grace, though: this takes some time.

Sometime towards the middle of October I am going to begin calling you (Please note: if you would rather have me send an email to you, I will do that—just let me know). This call is simply to get to know you better and I will have a couple of questions for you. These questions will ask your opinions about Trinity. For example: a question that I might ask is what would make you even more excited about being a part of Trinity than you are now! Sometimes we all assume things that simply aren’t true: this is your time to let me know your thoughts about the future of Trinity.

I am looking forward to working with Trinity. As you already know, Trinity is a great church already. I enjoy the family atmosphere that is here: people truly care for each other and enjoy each other’s company. That’s a part of what church is all about—strong, healthy relationships.

Peace be with you.

Pr. Dale

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 1, 2021

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

**Welcome** by President Brian McNeill at 7:00 PM. Members present were Diane Schuerman, Toni Lindstrom, Jason Anderson, Jason Heinzig, Maureen Erdman, Robert Neuman and Jodee Erickson. Also present were Bill Hoberg and Pastor Dale Degner. Absent was Adam Kolander.

**Devotions** by President Brian – Welcome Home Trinity Lutheran Church video that he prepared for September 12

**Pastor's Report** – No report

**Additions to the agenda** – None  
**Reports**

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

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

**Treasurer Bill Hoberg** – August income was \$10,554.63 and expenses were \$4,825.57. Checking account balance as of August 31, 2021 was \$27,612.85. Motion made by Jason A to approve with a second by Maureen. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Board of Education and Youth** – The committee met to finalize plans for Welcome Home/Rally Sunday which is September 12 from 10:00 AM to Noon. Yard games will be set up at 8:00 AM prior to worship service. A list of songs for worship service was made as suggestions for the music and worship committee.

**Outreach and community Relations (B.A.C.K. pack program)** – Did not meet.

**Property and Grounds** – There is a leak coming from a disconnected sink in the balcony area. Also, the stool in the upstairs bathroom at the parsonage needs repair.

Craig's will be contacted to repair both. Work was done by Dale Luschen and Jason Olson on the bell tower. It was becoming more difficult to ring the bell. Dale Luschen also checked to make sure the sump pumps at the church and parsonage were working as they should.

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

**Worship and Music** – Did not meet. They would like to meet with Pastor Dale after he has been with us for a couple of weeks.

**Call Committee** – No Report  
**Discussions**

Thank you – Bob and Maureen Erdman, Diane Schuerman, Jodee Erickson, Mick and Marlys Boone, Rose DuHoux, Darrell and Carol Davidson, Bill and Judy Hoberg, Daren Schuerman, Brian McNeill, Shelly Mikkelson and others for work at the parsonage and Dale Luschen and Jason Olson for work on the bell tower.

Thank you to movers of quilting supplies – Darrell and Carol Davidson, Byron and Marlene Giese,

Bob and Maureen Erdman, Diane Schuerman, Carolyn Rear, Marjon Simonson, Pat Hagen and David and Rochelle Pederson.

Pastor Dale's first Sunday will be September 12. Moving day for Pastor Dale and Gwen is September 10.

ELCA Lutheran World Relief Haiti Earthquake – Giving to this cause could come from the endowment fund. We need to think on this and discuss at the October meeting.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Updates**

There will be communion on September 12 with Diane and Brian assisting. It will be offered at the rail or the option of using the pre-packaged communion kit. How often we commune will be decided.

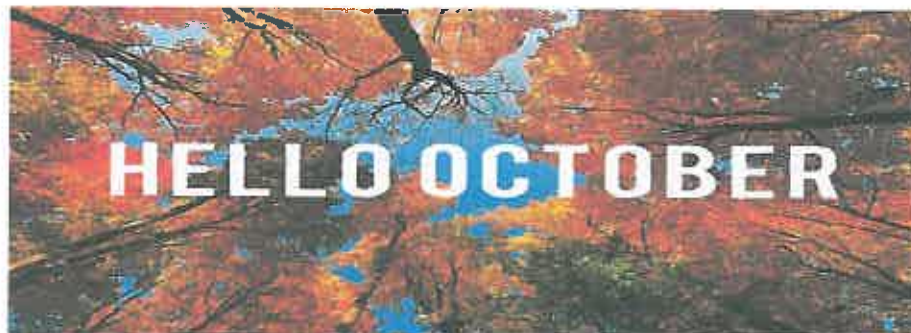
The washer and dryer for the parsonage will be delivered soon.

**Announcements** – October newsletter articles are due September 20. The next Church Council meeting is October 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourned** by President Brian at 7:35 PM

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodee Erickson, Council Secretary



## AUGUST 2021 INCOME

ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 4,475.00
LOOSE	\$ 75.00
MISSION	\$ 4.63
MISCELLANEOUS (1,000. Parsonage work)	\$ 1,000.00
TRANSFER (Landscaping fund)	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
AUGUST INCOME	\$ 10,554.63

### INCOME COMPARISON

YTD 2021	\$ 94,070.66
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, 920 hunger)	\$ 123,991.60

### MEMORIALS/GIFTS RECEIVED

In Memory of David Schuerman  
\$ 1,000.00 Parsonage cleaning/painting/misc.

#### SAVINGS ACCOUNT (First Security)

ALTAR FUND	\$ 1,079.91
BUILDING FUND	\$ 303.00
HANDBELLS	\$ 793.73
LANDSCAPING	\$ 00.00
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 808.00
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 2,335.08
MUSIC FUND (+ 50.30)	\$ 66.3.24
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	<u>\$ 39.09</u>
BALANCE TO DATE	\$ 16,464.27

#### SAVINGS ACCOUNT (Bank of the West)

BUILDING & GROUNDS	
Large	\$ 1,702.36
Furniture	\$ 11,740.79
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	
Global	\$ 11,407.46
Local	\$ 11,444.53
EMERGENCY	\$ 22,026.53
MARKETING	\$ 3,537.06
TRANSPORTAION	\$ 14,851.50
INTEREST + 6.69))	\$ 946.74
ENDOWMENT	<u>\$ 1,021.41</u>
TOTAL	\$ 78,678.38

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## Income & Expense- Budget vs. Actual

### January through August 2021

	Jan - Aug 21	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Offering	86,068.45		
Transfers	4,506.60		
Other	3,495.61		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>94,070.66</b>		
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Regular Expenses</b>			
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>			
Organist	3,023.64	4,145.70	72.9%
Secretary	7,167.72	10,812.00	66.3%
Custodian	1,507.68	5,233.20	28.8%
Payroll Taxes Church	849.06	1,544.60	55.0%
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	800.00	0.0%
Pulpit Supply	1,618.04	480.00	337.1%
Continuing Education	0.00	750.00	0.0%
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>54,233.19</b>	<b>105,595.70</b>	<b>51.4%</b>
<b>Utilities</b>			
Light & Water Parsonage	852.46	1,300.00	65.6%
Light & Water Church	2,899.64	4,500.00	60.0%
Telephone Church	1,099.68	1,650.00	66.6%
Fuel Parsonage	394.42	600.00	65.7%
Fuel Church	2,100.01	4,000.00	52.5%
Garbage	233.38	700.00	33.3%
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>7,379.59</b>	<b>12,750.00</b>	<b>57.9%</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Conference Dues & Registration	465.00	1,000.00	46.5%
Mowing and Related	400.00	1,700.00	23.5%
Snow Removal and Related	656.25	1,750.00	37.5%
Commitment			
Radio Ministry	1,260.00	1,820.00	69.2%
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>	<b>9,760.00</b>	<b>10,320.00</b>	<b>94.6%</b>
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	4,254.53	7,000.00	60.8%
Sunday School Supplies	355.36	1,000.00	35.5%
Music	0.00	900.00	0.0%
Postage	970.00	950.00	102.1%
Maintenance	4,046.12	6,500.00	62.2%
R.O.C.K. Ministries	18.00	200.00	9.0%
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>26,895.26</b>	<b>38,520.00</b>	<b>69.8%</b>
<b>Total Regular Expenses</b>	<b>88,508.04</b>	<b>156,865.70</b>	<b>56.4%</b>
<b>Misc Exp (Transfers)</b>			
TEAM PROMISE	325.00		
Video System	911.43		
Healing Garden	3,036.00		
Food Shelf	1,625.00		
Missions	2,256.60		
Transfer for Flowers	103.82		
<b>Total Misc Exp (Transfers)</b>	<b>8,257.85</b>		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>96,765.89</b>	<b>156,865.70</b>	<b>61.7%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,695.23</b>	<b>-156,865.70</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

Checking Balance \$27,612<sup>85</sup>

# Members Serving in the Month of October

## Usher

Bill Hoberg  
 Craig Lindblad  
 Mark Grussing  
 Michael Hadfield

## Assisting Deacon

Brian McNeill

## Altar Guild

Julie Anderson  
 Shelly Hoffman

## Coffee Hour

10/03 - Stewardship & Finance  
 10/10 \* Taylor & Elise Duncan, Kyra Gronseth, Sara Larson, Chaden & Keala Carroll, Jack & Kadia Helgensen, Blake & Aubree lien, Alexis & Brooke Hoberg  
 10/17\* Kermit & Phoebe Overlie, Zoe & Dugan Halvorson, Mason Moe, Gavin Olson, Logan & Addison Schauer, Haden Thole, Isaac & Emily Wilson & Dylan Wrobleski  
 10/24 Outreach & Community Relations  
 10/31 \* Anna McNeill, Anthony Aekiens, Blke & Imani Brehmer, Sara Dehne, Rylee Erickson, Tyler & Logan Hadfield, Jordan Grussing, Austin & McKenna Molden  
 11/07 Property & Grounds

## Lectors

10/03  
 10/10 Anne Duncan  
 10/17  
 10/24  
 10/31 Krista Hoberg

## Slide preparer/computer:

10/03 Shelly Mikkelson  
 10/10 Marlene Giese  
 10/17 Laura Rear  
 10/24 Becky Woitte  
 10/31 Marlene Giese

## ATTENDANCE

Date	In Person	Communed
8/29	49	
9/05	40	
9/12	114	95
9/19	99	
9/26	85	

## Thank you notes

- A big thank you to all who helped with the cleaning, painting and anything else at the parsonage.
- To Members of Trinity, Thanks you so much for continuing to remember me since I moved. It is a true blessing when I find your cards & notes in the mailbox. I enjoy hearing all the news and with I was there! I miss you all!!! It is wonderful to have a new minister starting. I wish him all the best. He will find such a cooperative congregation. Thank you all. Ruth Plackner
- A Thank You for RALLY DAY – WELCOME HOME! Thank you to the many people who brought games, helped serve food, popcorn and cotton candy plus set-up and clean-up. Thank you to the Benson Bakery for donating the buns. Thanks to those who helped start games and got others to join in the fun. Thanks especially to everyone who joined us to make the day a success! Thanks to Brian McNeill for making the Welcome Home video which we feel will set the mood for the coming year! It's fun to be back together again! Trinity Education Committee




## SEPTEMBER STATISTICAL CHANGE

### Births

9/06 Ingrid Dorothy daughter of Nathan & Emily (Pederson) Ascherman  
 9/19 Brooks Dean son of Aaron and Taya Lindahl

### Sympathies to:

-Jason Olson and family on the death of his grandmother, Helen Olson.  
 - Jan Aeikens and family on the death of her brother, Galen Rohloff.  
 -Dan Erickson and family on the death of his brother Philip Erickson.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">October 2021</h1>						
<b>3</b> 9:00-CommunionWorship 10:00-Coffee Hour 10:15-SundaySchool	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30-Confirmation meeting 6:30-committee meetings 7:00-Council meeting	<b>7</b> 8:30-Quilting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:00- Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour 10:15-Sunday School	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 3:00-ROCK -Confirmation	<b>14</b> 8:30-Quilting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 
<b>17</b> 9:00- Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour 10:15-Sunday School	<b>18</b> November Newsletter articles due	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> -Confirmation	<b>21</b> 8:30-Quilting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00- Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30-Volunteers for newsletter	<b>27</b> -Confirmation	<b>28</b> 8:30-Quilting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:00- Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour 10:15-Sunday School						

## Youth Happenings

**Sunday School 10:15-11:15 am**

### **ROCK (Reaching Our Community Kids) 4-6 grade Youth Group**

We begin our **ROCK 2021-22** school year by meeting on **Wednesday, October 13** at Trinity Church. Our meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, after school until 4:30 p.m. We have snacks, Bible stories, games, and crafts. Join us for the fun and invite a friend. Children can be given rides from school. If you need a ride, please contact Marlene Giese at 320-226-7372, by October 10.

### **TIDES Happenings**

**7-12 grade Youth Group**

**(Together In Devotion Everyone Serves)**



## October Birthdays

10/01 Rod Benjamin  
10/03 Katie Groinus  
10/03 Harold Heinzig  
10/03 Irene Heinzig  
10/07 Stacy Lindahl  
10/08 Krya Gronseth  
10/09 Brooks Groinus  
10/10 Sara Anderson  
10/10 Brooke Staton  
10/12 Paisley Ascheman  
10/12 Charles Erickson  
10/12 Kyle Moser  
10/13 Philip Goff  
10/13 Lindsey Nichols  
10/14 Mark Schwarz  
10/15 Carl Lindblad  
10/15 Betty Twitchell  
10/17 Elliott Ascheman  
10/17 Travis Collins  
10/17 Ava Nichols  
10/18 Rose DuHoux  
10/18 Julie McNeill  
10/20 Laura Rear  
10/23 Bruce Larson  
10/24 Virgil Anderson  
10/25 Verna Quandt  
10/26 Sarah Hengel  
10/26 Amber Marohl  
10/27 Tadd Egenes  
10/28 Faye Gunderson  
10/28 Becky Huston  
10/28 Anna McNeill  
10/28 Becky Woitte  
10/29 Adleigh Foss  
10/30 Miles Goldenstein  
10/30 Emily Wilson  
10/31 Ross Benjamin

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