

Trinity News

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Mission Statement
Grow Faith,
Serve God,
Love Others



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Dear friends and members of Trinity Lutheran Church:
 I have been looking at what I want to begin doing this fall for Bible studies and confirmation, and as I look forward to this time I have realized that it might be good for you to begin thinking about what you might want to attend. So this article is going to discuss different Bible studies I will be doing this fall. It is possible that Gwen might also lead a Bible study too, but I will need to have you stay tuned for more information on that one. This article will also talk about confirmation for this fall.

BIBLE STUDY:

One of the Bible studies that will happen on Sunday mornings is a study that the ELCA puts out that talks about the next Sunday's gospel reading. I have used this study in my previous churches and people really enjoyed these studies. First of all, the study prepares the listener ahead of time of what is going to be heard next Sunday. It also is a good way to learn that the Bible is truly the living word of God. The study asks many questions that get to what is actually happening in your life at the time: in other words, it makes the Bible relevant to us who are living in 2022 and what is happening in each of our lives.

At this point, I need to state that nobody will ever be required to state what is on their mind during the study. Some of what comes into our minds during a Bible study is just too fresh and painful for us to talk about right at that moment. Don't worry, nobody is going to try pulling it out of you. Other people might feel like they do want to talk about something that is fresh and painful. Everyone in the Bible study will be told that whatever is said in the Bible study stays within the Bible study group.

The other study is a Bible study, too, but it is more of a spiritual practice. This study is called lectio divina and this can be done in groups which we will do, but it is also done as individuals at home. This study will entail reading through the gospel of Matthew. We will read texts slowly three different times from three different Bibles. There will be three different questions that will be asked, and then there will be readings for attendees to take home and do lectio divina during the week. Again, if you don't want to speak what's on your mind at the time, you are NOT required to do so. Also, whatever is said in the Bible study stays in the Bible study.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will change slightly this year. This year students are expected to attend Sunday morning confirmation classes as well as Wednesday nights. The students will be studying the catechism on Sunday morning only and this is a critical part of the confirmation studies. Sunday mornings will likely do other things as well, but those things will be left up to the teacher.

The students will also be getting mentors this year, and the student and family chooses who that will be. If you know already who you would like to be your mentor, ask them now. If you don't have anyone in mind, start thinking about this.

Sermon notes will no longer required. What students will do instead is become more involved in the life of the church and worship. Students will acolyte, be lectors, say prayers and maybe even some other things during the worship services. They will also work with the altar guild and other committees and learn what it takes to make a church run smoothly. More will be said about this at the confirmation orientation. Date to be determined.

Kindness to you all. Shalom
 Pr. Dale

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes July 6, 22

Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others

Welcome by President Brian McNeill at 7:02 PM. Members present were Diane Schuerman, Toni Lindstrom, Jason Anderson, Robert Neuman, Jason Heintz, Maureen Erdman and Jodee Erickson. Also present was Pastor Dale. Absent were Hans Helgensen and Bill Hoberg.

Devotions by Pastor Dale were from Colossians 1. In our prayers, we always thank God. Prayer makes a difference in our lives and others. Something happens, we feel it. Somehow we belong, we're never alone. Healing happens through connection.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Dale completed work for the class “Dare to Lead”. He is now certified to do this work in our church. New member service was on Sunday, June 19 for Don and Gail Brehmer, Mike, Malloory, Ellis, Wilhelmina and Dagny Felt, Brent, TaiAnna, Sydney and Sawyer Moe, Jason Thram and Gwen Degner. There were seven visits and two funerals. Pastor Dale is preparing for confirmation classes this fall. At the moment, there are eight young women and four young men. Pastor Dale led three “Worship in the Park” services. He felt good about the attendance and people seemed to enjoy them. Pastor Dale will be attending the St. Olaf's Music, Theology and Arts Conference July 25 to 28.

Reports

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

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

Treasurer Bill Hoberg – June total income was \$12,358.51 and total expense was \$10,523.07. Checking account balance as of June 30, 2022 was \$31,194.82. Motion made by Diane to approve with second by Robert. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda – Bonfire and communion concerns

Committee Reports

Education and Youth – Did not meet.

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

Property and Grounds – Don's Building Center submitted a bid for windows for the parsonage. It includes the front window in the living room and seven basement windows. A bid from Ron Schade Construction was submitted for labor. For the basement windows, there is sloped concrete that needs to be removed and put back in when the windows are replaced. A motion was made by Jason H with a second by Jason A to accept the bids. Motion carried.

The condition of the parking lot was discussed. We will need a quote to move forward. It was suggested that yellow or red spray paint could be used to warn people of bad areas. It was decided that the parking lot repair and installation of windows should be brought to the congregation. The meeting date will be on Sunday, July 24 following the church service. The topic of gutters was brought up. They were not replaced when the metal roof was done.

Stewardship and Finance – Did not meet.

Worship and Music – The committee met on June 21, 2022. Points discussed – Banners and T-shirts with “Trinity Lutheran Church, Come Worship with Us”. From Legacy Printing, banners are \$70.00 each and T-shirts are around \$10.00 each. Color suggested was aqua blue with white printing. Possibly we could have two colors. Ten of each in adult sizes could be ordered - small, medium, large, X Large 2X and 3X.

We would hold off on ordering children's sizes for now. Kid Day – For the parade, Trinity would use a pick-up with people sitting in the box, with others walking along side. Possibly hand out ten shirts. Possibly have pencils with Trinity Lutheran Church and info on it as a hand out. The parade is July 16 at 10:00 AM. TLC Facebook account – Add Pastor Dale and Gwen as administrators. Does Trinity have a Safehaven Policy? – No, it does not. It was discussed who owns them and where is it. It should be renewed every year. Gwen has worked on a Safehaven policy with the last church and has consulted with lawyers. It is recommended to the Church Council that we get this started. Recording of services via Facebook – Can we bring this back? A second person is needed to run it other than the slide person; we are waiting for council decision; and we need a tablet. Bulletins – The decision was made to move to abbreviated bulletins of one page. Front side will be abbreviated service and back side will be the announcements, starting the first Sunday in July. Laura will ask Virgil if he is willing to drive for Kid Day. Let Becky know yes or no for slides. Becky will connect with Pam to add announcements for Kid Day. The 150th Anniversary is 2024. 1874 is printed on plates and crocks. There should a meeting on a Sunday after Rally Sunday to ask the congregation to help brainstorm for the 150th Anniversary. Communion will be the first and third Sundays of each month. **Discussions** – The Trinity Lutheran Church sign at Roosevelt is missing.

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JUNE 2022 INCOME

ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 9,008.02
LOOSE	\$ 337.30
CHARITBLE DONATION	<u>\$ 3,013.19</u>
JUNE INCOME	\$ 12,358.51

INCOME COMPARISON

YTD 2022	\$ 86,129.89
YTD 2021	\$ 76,627.49

MEMORIALS/GIFTS RECEIVED

In Honor of Byron & Marlene Giese 50th Anniversary

\$ 45.00 Backpack Program

In Memory of Gale Torstenson

\$ 20.00 Memorial Fund

Charitable Donation

\$ 500.00 Parsonage repairs

\$ 900.00 Worship & Music fund

\$ 3,013.19 General Fund

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (First Security)

ALTAR FUND	\$ 1,394.91
BUILDING FUND (+500 parsonage)	\$ 803.00
HANDBELLS	\$ 793.73
LANSCAPING (+20.00)	\$ 265.00
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 808.00
MEMORIAL FUND (+20.00)	\$ 2,945.08
MUSIC FUND (+900)	\$ 1,563.24
PARKING LOT FUND	\$ 3,558.50
ROCK	\$ 263.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL/VBS FUND	\$ 2,809.51
TEAM PROMISE	\$ 6,104.00
VIDEO PROJECT	\$ 1,607.21
BACKPACK (+ 45)	\$ 70.00
INTEREST (+2.68)	<u>\$ 48.75</u>
BALANCE TO DATE	\$ 23,033.93

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 (+ .66)	<u>\$ 956.77</u>
TOTAL	\$ 77,667.00

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Income & Expense- Budget vs. Actual

January through June 2022

	Jan - Jun 22	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
Offering	80,897.18	164,000.00	49.3%
Other	1,604.00		
Transfers	3,628.71		
Total Income	<u>86,129.89</u>	<u>164,000.00</u>	<u>52.5%</u>
Expense			
Regular Expenses			
Payroll Expenses			
Organist	2,496.22	4,269.85	58.5%
Secretary	5,495.46	11,135.00	49.4%
Custodian	1,000.75	5,388.86	18.6%
Payroll Taxes Church	687.95	1,590.72	43.2%
Pastor	25,250.01	49,000.00	51.5%
Pension and Related	17,002.45	34,900.00	48.7%
Mileage	953.74	2,000.00	47.7%
Pulpit Supply	160.00	480.00	33.3%
Continuing Education	750.00	750.00	100.0%
Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00		
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>53,796.58</u>	<u>109,514.43</u>	<u>49.1%</u>
Utilities			
Light & Water Parsonage	993.26	2,400.00	41.4%
Light & Water Church	2,685.76	4,500.00	59.7%
Telephone Parsonage	595.98	1,200.00	49.7%
Telephone Church	1,102.76	1,660.00	66.4%
Fuel Parsonage	434.00	780.00	55.6%
Fuel Church	3,296.55	4,000.00	82.4%
Garbage	413.56	700.00	59.1%
Total Utilities	<u>9,521.87</u>	<u>15,240.00</u>	<u>62.5%</u>
Other Expenses			
Conference Dues & Registration	361.33	1,000.00	36.1%
Mowing and Related	560.00	1,700.00	32.9%
Snow Removal and Related	0.00	1,750.00	0.0%
Library	292.81	300.00	97.6%
Insurance	6,297.00	6,400.00	98.4%
Workmans Comp Insurance	0.00	1,200.00	0.0%
Church Supplies	2,236.29	8,000.00	28.0%
Sunday School Supplies	220.84	1,000.00	22.1%
Music	66.99	600.00	11.2%
Postage	348.00	750.00	46.4%
Maintenance	2,860.52	7,500.00	38.1%
R.O.C.K. Ministries	84.23	200.00	42.1%
Total Other Expenses	<u>13,328.01</u>	<u>30,400.00</u>	<u>43.8%</u>
Commitment			
Southwest Minnesota Synod	7,500.00	7,500.00	100.0%
Support of Local/Area Missions	400.00	1,500.00	26.7%
Bible Camp	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.0%
Total Commitment	<u>8,900.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>89.0%</u>
Total Regular Expenses	<u>85,546.46</u>	<u>165,154.43</u>	<u>51.8%</u>
Misc Exp (Transfers)			
Endowment	4,360.12		
Misc	799.70		
Sunday School	249.59		
Transfer for Flowers	544.00		
Total Misc Exp (Transfers)	<u>5,953.41</u>		
Total Expense	<u>91,499.87</u>	<u>165,154.43</u>	<u>55.4%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-5,369.98</u></u>	<u><u>-1,154.43</u></u>	<u><u>465.2%</u></u>

Checking Balance 6-30-2022
\$31,194.82

Members Serving in the Month of August

Usher

Rob Anderson
 Mark Schwarz
 Ron Lundebrek
 Dale Luschen
 Mason Moe

Slide preparer/computer:

7/31 Becky Woitte
 8/07 Shelly Mikkelson
 8/14 Marlene Giese
 8/21 Shelly Mikkelson
 8/28 Becky Woitte

Lectors

7/31
 8/07 Stacy Lindahl
 8/14 Susan Egenes
 8/21 Byron Giese
 8/28 Diane Schuerman

Coffee Hour

7/31 Stacy & Shelly
 8/07 Bill & Judy Hoberg,
 Robert & Krista Hoberg
 8/14 Verna Teske,
 Peg Cameron
 8/21 Maureen Erdman,
 Rose DuHoux

Assisting Deacon

Jason Heinzig 8/28
 9/04

Altar Guild

Cindy & Janet

JULY STATISTICAL CHANGE

Sympathies:

-the family of Elenora Sandstrom. She passed away 7-22 funeral arrangements are pending

JULY ATTENDANCE

Date	In Person	Communed
7/03	40	36
7/10	56	
7/17	50	46
7/24	56	

Trinity Handbell Choir is Back!

The Trinity Handbell Choir will be starting up again this fall. The handbell choir has been away from it for about 2 years and will need to hit the refresh button. This would be a great time to start with trying something new if that sounds like you. We would welcome anyone who may have some music experience or not. It is not only a time to make music but turns out to be some fun fellowship too! Please let Nathan Pederson know if you are interested. - 320-815-4165



Let's do it again!

We are doing a night out in the church parking lot Wednesday August 10 @ 7pm when we will have a bonfire. Here is what you might like to bring with you:

Lawn Chairs

S'mores fixings (or whatever others may like)
 Beverages (non-alcoholic)

A singing voice and/or some great stories
 YOU! And your friends.

Bridal Shower Honoring

Rebecca Hoffman

bride elect of Tyler Nielson



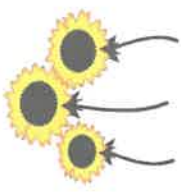

Join us for a bridal brunch

Saturday August 13th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 in the Trinity fellowship hall.

They are registered at Amazon & Target.

Thank you notes

- Thank you to all involved with my surprise 90th Birthday Party. And to all who took the time to come and help me celebrate. Thank you! God's Blessing Lois Torgerson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
AUGUST 2022	1	2	3 7:00-Council	4	5	6	
7 9:00-Communion Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	8 	9	10 7:00-Nite Out- campfire	11	12	13 10-12 Becca Hoffman Bridal Shower	
14 9:00-Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	15	16	17 	18	19	20	
21 9:00-Communion Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	22 September Newsletter Articles due	23	24	25	26	27 	
28 9:00-Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	29	30 8:30-Volunteers for newsletter	31	Swift County Fair—August 17-21			

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Old Business – Picture Directory – Maureen spoke to Becky Lysen again at Backstreet Printing. The cost is still the same. If no picture is submitted for a member, the member’s information will be in that space with a picture of the church. A process should be set up with a time frame. Summer would not be a good time to do this as less people will take time to submit. For those who don’t want to submit pictures themselves, we could take pictures a couple of nights at church. A committee would gather the pictures and information to send to Backstreet Printing all at once from a hard drive. Brian, Maureen and Diane will be on that committee along with others who wish to help.

New Business – We will be doing a Night Out in the church parking lot on Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 PM with a bonfire, singing and visiting. There was a discussion concerning communion. One item was whether we should provide gluten free wafers. It was decided that we would purchase a box of individually wrapped gluten free wafers to have available for those who request them. Pastor Dale will state that they are available prior to serving communion. Another item was what we should do with the communion kits that we have on hand. It was decided that we would keep them for Pastor Dale to use on home visits and for those who may still prefer to use them during communion services.

Announcements – Next Church Council meeting is August 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourned by President Brian at 8:20 PM

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Jodee Erickson, Council Secretary

Benson Area Chaplaincy



Mission:

Provide a compassionate and caring presence in the Benson area community

Vision:

Strengthen relationships

- Welcome everyone regardless of race, class, religion, gender or sexual orientation
- Work cooperatively with all
- Focus on individual and community strengths

Values:

Respectful hopeful, accepting of differences and serving together

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Benson Area Chaplaincy



The Benson Area Chaplain will seek to address a client’s specific needs by working cooperatively with anyone regardless of race, class religion, gender or sexual orientation. The Chaplain will attempt to connect the client, whenever possible and appropriate, to existing community programs and /or experts who may also be of assistance.

Anyone working with the Chaplain will be shown respect and hope; accepting differences by working and serving together with all who may be of assistance from the Benson area community

Benson Area Chaplaincy is a non-religious 501(c)3 serving the greater Benson community

August Birthdays

- 1 Teagan Bluhm
- 1 JoAnn Pettit
- 2 Laura Lauwagie
- 2 Carson Olson
- 2 Luke Schwarz
- 4 Dylan Wroblewski
- 5 Chaden Carroll
- 5 Christopher Giese
- 6 Shirley Grothe
- 6 Jill Grussing
- 8 Brooke Hoberg
- 9 Troy Collins
- 9 Susan Egenes
- 10 Barbara 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 Mallory Felt
- 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 Gail Brehmer
- 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

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