

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'm going to begin this newsletter article with a little business, but then I want to make everyone aware of a another way to do Bible study all by yourself or in small groups (you would need to work some things out for small groups to work).

First, confirmation will begin with an orientation meeting for all students and parents / guardians that will be held August 31 at 5:30. This meeting will not take a full hour and will cover all the differences from last year and expectations for this new year. Actual confirmation classes will begin on Sept. 14 at 5:30 pm.

Then, one of the adult Bible studies will begin on Sunday, September 18 after church. This study is offered freely by the ELCA and each study looks at the gospel text for the next Sunday. I have used this in the past and people have really liked it because it prepared them to hear the gospel slightly more creatively than when they hadn't heard it earlier. Also note that I will be beginning another Bible study a little later in the fall. More information will come out later on this. Stay tuned.

Now, as I said, I want to let you know about an amazing resource for everybody. Perhaps an in-person, group Bible study doesn't work well for you. At the same time, you want a Bible study and you don't have access to a good Christian bookstore to find a study that you might like. And maybe you *do* or will belong to Bible study, but still want more. Well, this is something for you perhaps, then.

The resource that I am talking about is call *Enter the Bible*. This resource is something that Luther Seminary, St. Paul, has put together in response to people's desire to have something available to them that helps them understand the Bible better. It's a resource that equips the people of God with a resource that attempts to make the Bible accessible to everyone. What's really amazing is that the resource is completely free. The website is enterthebible.org. There are commentaries for each book of the Bible. A word about the verse-by-verse commentary—the commentaries do not comment on all the verses from the book—If you want a complete commentary on one of the Bible books, you would need to by one. I have a commentary for every book if you really want to go deep into a particular book, but I don't let them go outside of my office—these are my treasures. Aside from these commentaries, however, for each book in the Bible, there are numerous other resources which are absolutely amazing: blogs, podcasts, maps, videos, a wonderful timeline, and then a glossary that covers all the topics discussed in the site.

One of the great features of the site is that it offers courses. In order to take these courses you will need to sign yourself into the site. Two things here. 1. It's totally free, and 2. Nobody is tracking what you're doing in the site or your notes. The benefit for signing into the site is so you don't lose what you did. Note also, *the course* does not mean you have an in-person teacher, but it does mean that there are offerings for every book in the Bible and when you finish a section, you can check it off so you know in the future that you've already done the study. There is a spot within the site itself that allows you to take notes. I use this section to add in things I've learned from other sources. That's the benefit you get for signing-in.

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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes August 3, 22

Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others

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

Devotions by Pastor Dale were from Hebrews 11. Live by faith. There has been a lot of change during the pandemic. It's time to take risks. It's okay to fail. We have a God who resurrects us. Faith or risk; what is the difference for this church? If you have ideas, speak up. God is there always. What could we do someday?

Pastor's Report – Pastor Dale attended St. Olaf's Convention for Worship, Theology and the Arts. It was a time to gather for worship, learn, sing and see art surrounding the theme of "Scatter the Imagination of our Hearts", Luke 1:51. New member recognition service was done for our new members. Pastor Dale made six + visits. There was one wedding and one baptism. He is gathering materials for confirmation this fall. Plans for the confirmation this year are: Having mentors for each student of their own choosing; catechism will be taught at Sunday School; students will be involved with different committees and groups at church so they know what goes on in the church besides just worship. An attempt to have students more prepared to do things and not just be spectators at best; students will read at church and do the Prayers of the People. They will be more active at worship. Are there any suggestions for this? There will be twelve students this next year. There will be eight young women and four young men. These numbers could change. Bonfire in the church parking lot – People had a good time, but he would like to see more people come. There will be

another one on Wednesday, August 10. Bible studies to begin in the fall: One is a Bible study doing Matthew using the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina and one study will be using the ELCA's study for the next week's gospel lesson.

Additions to the Agenda – Parking lot and Lutheran Disaster Response request

Reports

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

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

Treasurer Bill Hoberg – July total income was \$9,492.76 and total expense was \$10,618.80. Checking account balance of July 31, 2022 was \$30,068.78. Motion made by Toni to approve with a second by Diane. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Education and Youth – The committee met on July 14. Present were Marlene, Julie, Maureen, Anne, Mark and Holly, Pastor Dale and Jodee. Jamie was present by phone. We started our discussion with the topic that our youth need to be able to know how to locate books of the Bible and find a verse when asked by their Pastor or Sunday School teacher. How can we help them learn to do this? It was suggested that we could look in to "The Story" which we could use as a church. It is the Bible written more as a novel for easier reading. There is Sunday School curriculum that goes with it. There are four lessons a month. The congregation could study along with the theme. The kit to go with it is about \$100.00. Another idea was to put Bibles back in the pews. Parents, grandparents, etc. could help children find the Bible verses in church for that Sunday. Other topics: Could we have incentives for

memory work such as learning the books of the Bible, The Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer? Thank you prayer at the end of each SS session; Sunday School is part of confirmation. What are the expectations of confirmation? There should be more participation in church. Part of confirmation is that students should be in church and Sunday School. We need to find a way to get our young people to want to come back to church. We discussed ways to find teachers to work with our youth. Mark will be teaching catechism for the 7th through 9th grades. Rally Sunday, which is September 11, would be a good time to explain what we would like to do. The committee will meet again to discuss curriculum and Rally Sunday. Marlene ordered one book of "The Story", study guides and Sunday School curriculum for us to look over.

Outreach and Community Relations (B.A.C.K. pack program) – Did not meet. Lutheran Disaster Response sent a letter asking for a donation. It was decided not to send a donation at this time.

Property and Grounds – Robert contacted two more possibilities for parking lot quotes, but they did not respond back. Bill spoke to Molden Concrete. It was suggested that we could put concrete in, a section at a time, as it will be a costly project. The current concrete could be removed and covered with gravel; then the first section closest to the church building could be done. The possibility of tiling the lot was discussed. Robert will inform Don's Building Center that their bid was accepted by the congregation for installing basement windows and the front window at the parsonage.

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JULY 2022 INCOME

ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 8,408.02
LOOSE	\$ 108.25
INTITAL	\$ 5.00
FOODSHELF	\$ 275.00
MISCELLANIOUS (T-Shirts)	\$ 530.00
TRAMSFER	\$ <u>166.49</u>
JULY INCOME	\$ 9,492.76

INCOME COMPARISON

YTD 2022	\$ 95,622.65
YTD 2021	\$ 83,516.03

MEMORIALS/GIFTS RECEIVED

In Memory of Ruth Plackner	
\$ 10.00	Music Fund
\$ 100.00	Quilting Fund
In Memory of DuWayne (Butch) Ahrndt	
\$ 150.00	Altar Guild
In Memory of Joyce Smith	
\$ 10.00	Quilting Fund

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (First Security)

ALTAR FUND (+150)	\$ 1,544.91
BUILDING FUND	\$ 803.00
HANDBELLS	\$ 793.73
LANSCAPING	\$ 265.00
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 808.00
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 2,945.08
MUSIC FUND (+10, -166.49))	\$ 1,406.75
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	\$ 70.00
INTERES	\$ <u>48.75</u>
BALANCE TO DATE	\$ 23,027.44

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 (+ .64)	\$ <u>957.41</u>
TOTAL	\$ 77,667.64

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Income & Expense- Budget vs. Actual

January through July 2022

	Jan - Jul 22	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
Offering	89,948.45	164,000.00	54.8%
Other	1,604.00		
Transfers	4,070.20		
Total Income	95,622.65	164,000.00	58.3%
Expense			
Regular Expenses			
Payroll Expenses			
Organist	2,824.67	4,269.85	66.2%
Secretary	6,513.99	11,135.00	58.5%
Custodian	1,113.01	5,388.86	20.7%
Payroll Taxes Church	799.58	1,590.72	50.3%
Pastor	29,500.01	49,000.00	60.2%
Pension and Related	18,987.27	34,900.00	54.4%
Mileage	1,097.65	2,000.00	54.9%
Pulpit Supply	160.00	480.00	33.3%
Continuing Education	750.00	750.00	100.0%
Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00		
Total Payroll Expenses	61,746.18	109,514.43	56.4%
Utilities			
Light & Water Parsonage	1,167.72	2,400.00	48.7%
Light & Water Church	3,042.81	4,500.00	67.6%
Telephone Parsonage	695.31	1,200.00	57.9%
Telephone Church	1,295.72	1,660.00	78.1%
Fuel Parsonage	508.00	780.00	65.1%
Fuel Church	3,326.41	4,000.00	83.2%
Garbage	570.34	700.00	81.5%
Total Utilities	10,606.31	15,240.00	69.6%
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	3,821.05	8,000.00	47.8%
Sunday School Supplies	470.43	1,000.00	47.0%
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	15,162.36	30,400.00	49.9%
Committment			
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 Committment	8,900.00	10,000.00	89.0%
Total Regular Expenses	96,414.85	165,154.43	58.4%
Misc Exp (Transfers)			
Endowment	4,360.12		
Misc	799.70		
Transfer for Flowers	544.00		
Total Misc Exp (Transfers)	5,703.82		
Total Expense	102,118.67	165,154.43	61.8%
Net Income	-6,496.02	-1,154.43	562.7%

Balance 7-31-2022 30,068.78

Members Serving in the Month of SEPTEMBER

Usher

Mike Johnson
 Brian McNeill
 Roger Lindahl
 Chuck Erickson

Slide preparer/computer:

9/4 Shelly Mikkelson
 9/11 Marlene Giese
 9/18 Becky Woitte
 9/25 Becky Woitte

Lectors

9/4
 9/11 Brock Duncan
 9/18
 9/25 Becky Huston

Coffee Hour

9/04 -
 9/11 - Rally Sunday
 9/18 - * Logan & Addison Schauer, Dugan Halvorson, Mason & Paige Moe, Gavin Olson, Haden Thole, Isaac & Emily Wilson
 9/25 - * Alexis & Brooke Hoberg, Anthony Aeikens, Sarah Dehne, Jordan Grussing, Logan & Connor Hadfield, Austin & McKenna Molden, Kermit & Phoebe Overlie
 10/02 Jack & Kaida Helgense, Blake & Imani Brehmer, Keala Carroll, Elise Duncan, Kyra Gronseth, Dylan Wroblewski, Sara Larson, Aubree Lien, Noah Nichols

Assisting Deacon

Brian McNeill

Altar Guild

Kathy Johnson

AUGUST STATISTICAL CHANGE

Baptism:

7/31 Jonathan Thomas Rogers
 8/7 Chloe Mae Larson

Funerals

8/5 Elenora Sandstrom

Sympathies:

-Irene Heinzig & family on the death of her sister, Elsie
 -Verna Quandt & family on the death of her sister, Evelyn Giese
 -Judy Eystad & family on the death of her mother, Barbara Kerr
 -Mike Johnson and Stacy Grussing & families on the death of their father Roger Johnson

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I hope you take time to look at this site and look around at everything it has for you. There are 104 videos, numerous podcasts that explore so many diverse topics and so much more. There's enough in this site to keep you busy for many years. Dig in. Have some fun doing Bible studies at your own pace and in the order you choose. And remember, this is set up for individual study, but that doesn't mean that the study can't be done as a family or even a small group. Be creative and have fun! If you have questions, ask me.

Kindness to you all. Shalom

Pr. Dale

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

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Date	In Person	Communed
7/31	66	
8/07	127	97
8/14	41	
8/21	65	62
8/28	51	

COME & SING WITH US!

Trinity's Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 14th, at 6:15 pm. ALL CONFIRMED MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
4 9:00-Communion Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7 7:00-Council Meeting	8 9:00-Quilting	9 	10
11 RALLY SUNDAY 9:00- Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour 10-12:00-Rally Sunday celebration	12 	13 11:-00-1:30- Salad Luncheon	14 5:30-Confirmation 6:15-Senior Choir	15 9:00-Quilting	16	17
18 9:00-Communion Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour - 150 Anniversary meeting 10:15-Sunday School/Bible Study	19 October Newsletter Articles due 4:00-Glacial Ridge WELCA Fall Gathering- Chokio	20 	21 5:30-Confirmation	22 9:00-Quilting	23	24
25 9:00-Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour 10:15-Sunday School/Bible Study	26 Pastor at Fall Theological conference-----	27 8:30-Volunteers for newsletter	28 5:30-Confirmation	29 9:00-Quilting	30 	

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Communion

We have packaged gluten free wafers and grape juice. If you need either one of these, please let the server know.

Quilting

Quilting will resume on September 8th. At the Pilgrim Congregational parsonage. It will be open at 9am. Please use the back door.

Come One Come All

2024 marks the 150th anniversary of our church . Please join us after worship services on Sunday, September 18, for a meeting to share ideas and establish committees. This special celebration will take many helping hands.

Stewardship and Finance – The church office has been working with Pastor Art to get his name removed from the Visa Credit Card that the church office uses for ordering. The possibility of changing to a debit card was discussed.

Worship and Music – The committee met. The problem with the wireless microphone was discussed. New Life Communications in Willmar was contacted to see what could be suggested for our current system. One possible problem could be the cord between the ear piece and the battery pack may be bad. After checking on the model number that we have, it was determined that the model is out of date. T-Mobile owns the air space and the current microphone will not work properly with it. Quotes were requested for new headsets; a quote for two headsets and a quote for one headset. Quotes were not received in time for the Church Council meeting. Pencils with Trinity Lutheran Church information and 150th Anniversary printed on them will be ordered. More t-shirts will be ordered as people request the sizes that they will need. Liturgy for fall and special music was discussed. A slide will be created to let members know that a children's choir director will be needed as Anna will be off to college this fall. The bulletin was discussed. Rally Sunday is September 11. Marlene will create a consent form to send to members for the use of any pictures that are taken at church events and used on slides.

Old Business – Picture Directory – The committee needs to have current addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for church members. The question was asked if it would be possible for the church office to put the information on a flash drive for them to use. It needs to be correct for the directory.

New Business – There was no new business.

Announcements – Next Church Council meeting is September 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Adjourned by President Brian at 8:15 PM
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Jodee Erickson, Council Secretary

Special Church Congregational Meeting July 24, 2022 Minutes Brian McNeill called the special congregational meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and vote on window replacement in the parsonage and issues with the parking lot. Brian asked Robert Newman who is on the property and grounds committee to bring forward estimates on replacing the windows. Robert explained the current state of the windows as many of them were showing issues of dry rot and just needing to be replaced. It is the picture window and two side windows on the front of the parsonage and seven basement windows. A bid was obtained from Don's Building Center. There were two estimates provided in the bid. The windows were \$3,962.00 and the labor was \$3,150.00 for a total of \$7,112.00. Marlys Boone moved to accept the bids and Kelly Lindblad seconded the motion. Discussion was held: ● It was noted that an anonymous donor has come forward and would pay \$3,500 for the windows. ● A question was asked about if any were egress windows. There will be no egress windows added ● A statement was made that Don's Building Center does excellent work. The vote was taken and passed unanimously. The issue of the parking lot was discussed. Brian mentioned that the council has begun conversations about the parking lot and wanted the congregation to know. The council is asking for recommendations of people who might provide bids. Marlys Boone mentioned that the current parking lot was laid in 1971. Bill Hoberg moved to adjourn the meeting and Mark Grussing seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Minutes taken by Julie McNeill (acting secretary in Jodee's absence)

Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 11th 10:00am-12:00

Trinity Lutheran Church



We look forward to seeing everyone there, ages 0-99!
Join us for games, food and fun on the church lawn following 9:00am church services.



Yard games to play



Ice Cream Treats!



Please bring a lawn chair

Youth Happenings

Sunday School 10:15-11:15 am

RALLY Sunday is September 11. We look forward to seeing everyone there, ages 0-99! Join us for games, food and fun on the church lawn following church services, 10:00 AM to Noon. Please bring a lawn chair."

Please consider helping with Sunday School in the coming year. It's an opportunity to make a difference for our children and young people! Contact an Education Committee member (Jamie Moe, Julie McNeill, Anne Duncan, Marlene Giese, Maureen Erdman, Jodee Erickson) with any questions you may have.

ROCK (Reaching Our Community Kids)

4-6 grade Youth Group

ROCK starts on Wednesday, October 12, after school. I'm looking forward to another fun year. Let's get excited! If you will need a ride, please call Marlene Giese, 320-226-7372.

TIDES Happenings

7-12 grade Youth Group

(Together In Devotion Everyone Serves)

TIDES church youth group for youth in 7th through 12th. Coffee hour serving begins September 18. List and instructions have/will be mailed out soon.

We are looking for someone or two to lead this group of young people in the church. Contact a member of the Parish Ed committee if you are willing to minister to this group.

Women of Trinity—Salad Luncheon

The Salad Luncheon one of WELCA's yearly events, is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 11am – 1:30 pm. Members of all Work Units are asked to provide food or donate money for this event. Only Work Unit 1 is scheduled to work. The committee asks that you respond to your Work Unit Co-chair's request when you are contacted for your donation. Those asked to donate money rather than a salad, are requested to have the money in prior to the event. Thank you for helping make this another successful event.

Recipe for Swedish Rice Dessert

1 cup cooked rice (1/2 cup uncooked)

Start in small amount of cold water, add about 1 pt. milk. Cook till thick and creamy. Add 1/2 tsp salt. Dissolve 1 envelope Knox gelatin in 1/4 cup cold water. Add to hot rice. Let cool until it begins to set: Whip 1 pt cream. Add 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 tsp almond extract. Add this to rice. Place in a mold (for salad luncheon put in a bowl) Serve with raspberry sauce.

Raspberry Sauce:

1 (10 oz) pkg frozen raspberry , 1/2 cup red currant jelly, 1 1/2 tsp corn starch. Bring to boil and cook until clear and thickened. Slightly strain. Cool.

September Birthdays

- 1 Dennis Teske
- 2 Linda Lysen
- 3 Sheri Gades
- 3 Brian McNeill
- 4 Julie Iverson
- 6 Ingrid Ascheman
- 7 Maureen Erdman
- 7 Rosie Huston
- 8 Brett Ruppe
- 11 Rod Hoffman
- 12 Pat Connolly
- \15 James Huston
- 16 Sheldon Ahrndt
- 17 Steven Sanders
- 17 J. Oliver Hovde
- 18 Kelly Lindblad
- 18 Haden Thole
- 19 Arleen Gronseth
- 19 Amanda Halvorson
- 19 Robyn Halvorson
- 19 Rick Hoffman
- 22 Paige Moe
- 23 Sam Grussing
- 23 Julie Larson
- 23 Ron Woitte
- 25 Olivia Ascheman
- 26 Austin Molden
- 27 Mark Erickson
- 27 Laura Hulterstrum
- 27 Allison Payne
- 28 Lillian Gunderson
- 29 Ryan Aust
- 30 Krista Hoberg
- 30 Lisa Slaughter

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ADDRESS SERVICE
REQUESTED

SALAD LUNCHEON BUFFET

Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Serving 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$8.00



Enjoy a variety of
salads, Deviled Eggs
&
Breadsticks



Take outs available
843-3153
Men are welcome

Trinity Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
700 Nevada Ave, Benson

