

# THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



Dear Trinity Family & Friends,

***“Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ---our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him***

***who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”*** (LBW page 67/ELW page 107)

This prayer is part of the liturgy of Holy Communion. I went back to the “green” book, the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and found it on page 67 and in the “cranberry” hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) it is on page 107 with a slight change in wording. Regardless of the wording, this post-offering prayer speaks to us of thanksgiving- not the season or the national holiday, but of true thanksgiving to the source of all being- God, the Creator.

The prayer recognizes the fact that all things: selves, time and possessions have been given to us first, out of love for us, through God’s mercy and grace. Imagine and receive that: God gives through sheer love for us. When we are able to stop and remember this, God gives EVERYDAY in EVERY WAY! We are able to respond to God by offering back to God a deep love centered (not self-centered) THANKS!

I invite you, to take time daily; giving thanks always in all ways! Take time to pause, to think and give back just a minute of your self,

your time and your possessions to God- the source of all that is--the source and sustainer of your life, your time and your possessions. Do take advantage of opportunities to give thanks as a community setting as well- in weekly worship as we observe the festivals of All Saints Sunday and Christ the King. In addition to Sunday worship, we gather on Thanksgiving Eve, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran- think about inviting someone to that service, or worship as a family before you hit the road or welcome guests to your home for the weekend!

How good and pleasant it is to be able to worship together!

God Bless you as you move through life with a thankful heart towards the Source of Life: God the Creator whom we know through Jesus Christ. And, yes, as we prepare for a holiday of Thanksgiving, may you be blessed and enveloped with peace, comfort, companionship, and the fellowship of family, friends and neighbors.

In closing, I share a prayer from a devotional called “God is Always There” by Kathleen Atkinson, OSB. Let us pray: ***“Marvelous Lord, free me to sing in harmony with all the Earth and all peoples. May I taste, touch, see, hear, and smell the wonders of creation as I go about my day. May I praise you in my busyness and rest. May I praise you in my words and silence. May everything that breathes praise you!”*** Amen.

*Blessings ~ Pastor Carol*

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Dan Klassen  
Vice President: Josh Tonkin  
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening  
Financial Admin: Brenda Hansen  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee  
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee  
Lay Ministry: Judy Doble  
Worship: Cathy Sorenson  
Youth: Caitlyn Carlson



**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting 7:00  
Wed- October 11, 2023**

**Members Present:** Kathy Wilkening Dan Klassen Josh Tonkin Cathy Sorenson Judy Doble Nikki Smith Ashley Parrish Kim Hastad

**Devotion:** Dan Klassen

Secretary report - was accepted as read.

Treasures Report-was accepted as read.

Stewardship-None

Lay Ministry/Evangelism-Judy Doble- The last month there have been 6 baptisms. Need to apply for more Thrivent funds.

Church Properties- Mark checked into Ed's Bat Service and it would cost \$559 for Ed to come and check out the bat situation at the church, plus recommendation to fix the problem. Council decided not to pursue it at this time.

Christian Ed-Nikki Smith - GIFT

has registration of 58 kids and 54 kids have been coming every time. More volunteers are needed to help please.

### **Proceeds from Pastor Penny's rummage sale was donated to GIFT for \$679.**

Bags for the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester were filled last GIFT class. If anyone is going to Rochester, could they please take the bags to the Ronald McDonald House. GIFT will be leading the church service on October 22 with a Noisy offering. Youth-Kim Hastad - The group has been meeting the last Sunday of the month. The youth went bowling with a devotional time. The youth group is 5-12 grades. The GIFT program is 1-8 grades. Upcoming projects are cleaning out a basement. Youth Works has ideas for upcoming trips for the youth to take.

Worship-Cathy Sorenson - Bible Study before church as meet 2 times. October 29 is Reformation Sunday with bible presentation to youth. November 5th is All Saints service. November 12 is Thankoffering Sunday. November 22 Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30.

December 24 will have 10:00 am service and 6:30 pm service

Youth Director-Ashley Parrish - Ashley and Jan Ringeisen are teaching the First Communion classes. They are baking bread on October 25th. Planning Youth lead service with noisy offering. Planning a family friendly Halloween party at church from 5-7pm on October 31 and will have games, crafts, and snacks.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The new sound system is in with some tweaking yet to be done.

The new sound system is capable of pairing with CD player, bluetooth, and cell phones.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Youth led worship service will be on October 22 with Noisy Offering. A facility use agreement for Linda Meyer on November 11 was approved. Discussion on cleaning the carpet in the spring. October is Pastor Appreciation month. The council decided to give Pastor Carol a gift certificate to Bean Town from the church. The council decided that new lighting was not necessary. All members helping with GIFT should have a background check update.

Cathy motioned to adjourn at 8:10 and Judy second.

Submitted by Secretary,  
Kathy Wilkening



## **Treasurer's Summary Report**

### **As of September 30, 2023**

Checking Account Bal.	\$65,633
Savings Account Bal.	\$54,177

#### **SEPTEMBER**

General Fund Income	\$ 7539
General Fund Expenses	\$ 8479
Net short	\$ -940

#### **OCTOBER:**

Cash Available	\$ 65,633
Bills to pay	\$ 9,059
Cash long	\$ 56,574



# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
November 5-All Saints	1 John 3:1-3	1 Thess 2:9-13	Matt 23:1-12
November 12-Thankoffering Sunday	Amos 5:18-24	1 Thess 4:13-18	Matt 25:1-3
November 19—Pent 25	Zeph1 1:7, 12-18	1 Thess 5:1-11	Matt 25:14-30
November 26-Christ the Kind	Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24	Eph 1:15-23	Matt 25:31-46

## YOUTH LED WORSHIP OCTOBER 22, 2023





## WELCA News

Thanks for all the contributions for our school bag project. There were 68 notebooks so we were able to fill 17 bags. There were a lot of extra items which will be saved for next year's project. The bags were made by Kathy Wilkening and she will take them to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse.

If you are retired, you are invited to coffee at Trinity on Tuesday mornings at 8:30. There is a free will offering. This time of fellowship is open to the whole community. On the first Tuesday there is a Bible Study at 9:45 am.

November 12th will be our Thankoffering Sunday. There will be envelopes in your church mailbox for a donation to the churchwide WELCA to help women who are less fortunate than we. There will also be a collection of food and other items for the school food shelf.



Remember to send cards to your "prayer child".

Thanksgiving  
Eve  
Worship  
Nov. 22nd  
6:30 pm

## Thanksgiving Eve

### Worship.

Thursday, November 22  
at 6:30 p.m.

The faith community of Trinity Lutheran and community worshipers are invited to come together for a worship of Thanksgiving. We will celebrate in song, scripture, brief message, readings and prayer.

*Bring a food item for the food pantry  
as part of your offering!*

## **Advent Devotion-Trinity Lutheran**

available beginning Sunday,  
November 19th

***"The Light of Grace:  
Welcoming God's Amazing  
Gift of Christ"***

Advent Begins on Sunday,  
December 3, 2023

Have your copy in hand and begin  
that morning (or anytime that day!)

## **UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:**



Fareway-\$;82,457.97

Hy-Vee-\$28,091.00

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

*\*\*Please make sure the receipts are not getting cut off -- this makes them useless.*





December 2023						
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<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>  <b>Worship Service at 10:00 am</b>  <b>~streaming live on FB~</b>	<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u>  Mon-8-11 am  Wed-8-11, 1-4  Fri-8:00-11:00	<u>PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS</u>  Mon. 10-12 Wed. 10-12 and by appointment	1  GIFT Class 2:15-5:30	2	3	4  
5 <u>Communion</u>  	6	7 Open Bible Study 9:45 <b>vote ✓</b> <b>Trinity Youth Hosts Election Nite Soup Supper 5:30-7 pm</b>	8  Confirmation 2:15-3:15  7 pm Church Council mtg.	9	10	11  
12  <b>WOMEN</b> Of the ELCA   THANKOFFERING	13	14  9:30 WELCA meeting	15  GIFT Class 2:15-5:30	16	17  	18
19 <u>Communion</u>  ELCA Synod guest speaker Heather Culuris	20	21	22  	23  	24  <b>The Church Office</b>  <b>Will Be Closed:</b>	25
26  	27	28	29  Confirmation 2:15-3:15	30  <u>Ushers for November</u>  Mark Durkee & Dan Klassen	<u>Nov Comm Servers</u>  11/5-Donna Kotewa  11/19-Cathy Sorenson	<u>Nov Lay Readers</u>  11/5-Dave S 11/12-Ann E 11/19 Heather 11/22-Dan K 11/26-Laurie

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



**There are still crystal bowls here from the salad luncheon.**



I wish to thank everyone who gifted me with birthday wishes and cards. I had a wonderful weekend and time with family at my birthday time!

I am grateful to be present as your part-time pastoral presence at Trinity Lutheran Church! In addition, I am deeply grateful for the gift card to Bean Town in Fairmont as you recognized me during "Pastor Appreciation" month (October). My husband and I will celebrate a meal together before he undergoes back surgery in early November.

Pastor Carol Mapa

**THANK YOU!** To Mike & Paula Heckman who donated their time to do some leaf clean at Trinity! We are so grateful for your help with this timely task!



**We welcome Pastor Heather Culuris on Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** as our guest from the South-western Synod ELCA Office.

Pastor Heather serves as the Synod Minister for Engaging Leaders. In addition to this synod work she is responsible for Candidacy, First Call and Call Process within our congregations. Pastor Heather will be around for a cup of coffee at 9:00 a.m.; preach at worship and assist Pastor Carol with Holy Communion. This is a great way to stay connected with the wider synod and church of the ELCA. As a congregation focused on worship and serving our neighbor it is important to be aware, ask questions and stay connected!



Trinity's Stewardship Drive begins on Nov. 5th. We will continue with the Torchbearers handing out the packets. Once you have received your packet,

be sure to fill out your information in your assigned envelope and send it along to the next person listed on the packet.



*Prayers*

*We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:*

**Larry Miller, Jerry Teig, Linnea Huss, Norm & Marilyn Anderson, Pastor Penny Ritter, Ramona (Darrell B's daughter, Art Stough, Lois Lloyd and daughter Amy, Marlene Brietbarth and the Mammenga Family.**

*Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

			1 Gabby Greier	2	3	4 Ross Ringeisen
5 <u>All Saints</u> Amber Nickerson Vern Quade	6	7 Dan Klassen Wayne Maloney Sue Michalke	8	9	10 Jake Ebert Doug Schwanz	11 <u>VETERANS DAY</u> Collyn Vogel
12 <u>Thankoffering</u> <i>Bring non-perishable items for the school food shelf</i>	13 	14 Nicole Ebert	15	16	17 Cathy Sorenson  <b>Ove &amp; Deb Oren (50 years)</b>	18 
19	20	21	22  <b>Dale &amp; Cindy Wiederhoeft (48 years)</b>	23 	24 Josh Tonkin	25
26 Reese Ebert 	27	28	29 Karen Kneeland	30 Robin Miller	Grateful, Thankful & Blessed 	





## Youth Director Newsletter for November

October was very busy with GIFT, First Communion, youth led worship service, and the Halloween party! I am excited for

November! November is the month that I really take the time to think about the things that I am grateful for. I usually start another gratitude book and I fill it with small things that I am thankful for every day. I try to think of at least 5 things that brightened my day or made me smile. It is often about my kids or students or maybe even something funny that happened. My Grandma Muriel always wrote in a gratitude book and gave one to me when I was a kid. I have found that especially on the tough days, when it seems to be easier to focus on the bad, it helps to be able to go back and see all the things that went right. My notebooks have changed throughout the years, sometimes I write things in a planner or take a screenshot with my phone so that I can go back and remember what happened. The things that I am grateful for have even changed, but one thing that I have noticed is that my list continues to grow and that is definitely something to be thankful for!



Events:

Growing in Faith Together

GIFT November 1st

GIFT November 15th.

Delivering snack bags to the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester TBD.



Grayson Werner received his Bible from Trinity Lutheran on Oct 29th. Also pictured are his parents, Logan & Melissa and Pastor Carol.

First Holy Communion was held on Oct. 29th for Trinity Students—Front-Callie Parish, Gage Moon, Alaina Klassen, Liam Werner and Zachary Schneider. Back-Instructor-Ashley Parish, Sophia Carlson, Jackson Hastad, Gabby Greier, Pastor Carol Mapa and Instructor-Jan Ringeisen







# ELECTION NITE SOUP SUPPER



**ELECTION NITE SOUP SUPPER  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
5:30-7:00 PM**



**The Trinity Youth Group is hosting a  
Soup Supper which includes Chili &  
Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup,  
plus peanut butter or egg salad sandwiches,  
and a beverage are included  
*Free will offering***



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## THE MESSENGER

November 2023

Show me  
Your ways,  
O LORD;

Teach me  
Your  
paths.

PSALM 25:4, NKJV

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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