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



Gratitude

and Katherine have been involved in community theater. They have enjoyed being part of the cast of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat and this year Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Matt is generally the happiest when he has his guitar in his hand singing with his girls.

Matt and I have been blessed with two girls who bring us much joy in our lives. Katherine (Katie) is a 5th grader. She enjoys music and art. In her free time you can find Katie playing piano, singing, drawing, painting, or dreaming up plans for “designing her room.” Lauren (Lulu) is a Kindergartener. She is into anything her sister likes (which totally annoys Katherine) ... but is happiest when she is outside riding her bike, her scooter, or just running around. Both girls are excited to meet more friends as we get to know the people of Trinity.

Trinity Family in Christ,

I sit to write this pastoral letter and my heart overflows with gratitude. Gratitude for this new call and opportunity for my family. Gratitude for the many gifts and supportive words. Gratitude for the worshipping community that gathers to worship and praise a God that loves us so much. Gratitude for your embrace and claiming me as your pastor to live out our baptismal promises together. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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Matt, Katherine, Lauren and I are very excited to be part of the faith community of Trinity. Throughout the call process you heard about me and I would like to take a moment to introduce you to the Strum family.

Ellie Kay is our 1 year old golden doodle. Hopefully someday you will get to meet her as she develops a few more manners. She is a delightful yet chaotic puppy addition to our life but she is the source of many smiles, laughs, and lots of love.

Matt is originally from New Hampton, Iowa. He is a graduate from Luther College in Deborah, IA and has his Masters from Benedictine University in Springfield, IL. Matt works for Rasmussen College in Mankato. Matt’s passions are music and his family. The last two summers he

Once again - THANK YOU - for the warm welcome. I look forward to partner in ministry with you.

With Much Gratitude
Pastor Krista

TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES



COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Laurie Wille,
Vice President: Tom Dodge
Secretary: Marlene Breitbarth
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,
Stewardship: Vern Quade
Lay Ministry: Yvonne Noorlun
Worship: Barb Mager
Youth: Teresa Zaharia,
Pastor Krista

Trinity Church Council Minutes September 9, 2015

Present: Laurie Wille, Marlene Breitbarth, Clayton Duncanson, Vern Quade, Yvonne, Noorlun, Brad Nickerson, Nikki Smith, Teresa Zaharia, Barb Mager

We met at Trinity in Madelia; Pastor Krista gave the devotions and communion for both churches before we split into our separate councils.

President Laurie Wille called the meeting to order. We all made introductions to Pastor Krista.

Minutes from the previous month were read and it was noted that September 13th was Pastor Krista's 1st Sunday not installation Sunday. The minutes were all approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Clayton: Checking balance is #3402, Savings Balance is \$54,738.

July we had a net gain of \$2376, but in August we were short \$1919., all were approved.

Stewardship Report: Vern reported they are scheduling a meeting in October to start working on the Pony Express packets and the Time and Talent sheets. They are also working with social media to create: What is our story, mission and purpose. Also what our dollars are used for.

Lay Ministry: Yvonne updated us on the Polka Service on Oct.3rd and the 50th year dedication of the church building to be held on Oct. 4th the flyers are printed and they are also getting some grants from Thrivent. They will be selecting a Sunday for Pastor Krista's installation at Trinity Truman.

Church Property: The only thing Brad was made aware of was a fluorescent light that is out in the entry.

Christian Education: Nikki reported that Bible School was held on August 26th & 27th with 24 students attending. They have changed the time of Sunday School to 9:00 to 10:00 and then from 10:00 to 10:30 there will be a gathering time with the kids and the congregation along with a kid snack. The committee is also working to have the Confirmation students to also have a Sunday School class. They will be presenting Bibles to the 2nd graders on Sept. 13th; installation of teachers and Cradle Roll is set for Sept. 20th.

Youth:

Teresa reported that they had a movie night where they watched "Heaven is for Real". There were also books that the school was giving away, and Courtney brought them to church so that some may be donated to a worthy cause, and some of the really old ones can be used for craft projects by the youth. The youth will also be serving the lunch after the Anniversary service.

Worship: Barb reported that Pastor Rich will be giving the sermon and Pastor Krista will be doing the scriptures and children's time on Oct. 4th. They will also be contacting the youth to see what they would like to see at a church service.

New Business: There was a request from Raquel Harder to use the church on June 3, 2016 for Hailey's graduation. Teresa made a motion to approve and Nikki seconded, all approved.

A request was also made by the Madelia council to change the joint council meetings to Sunday nights, after some discussion, Trinity council informed Pastor Krista that they preferred to leave the meeting night on Wednesdays.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marlene Breitbarth, Secretary



WELCA NEWS

Thank you to those who helped with the Birthday Party at LMH in Madelia on September 17 and those who helped with Bingo on September 23 at Truman Senior Living.

The WELCA Fall Gathering will be held on October 3rd at Zion Lutheran Church in Madelia. See the poster for more details. Members wishing to go should contact Barb Shoen or Barb Mager so that rides can be pooled.

Division B is in charge of helping to serve the Pot Luck Supper after the Polka Worship Service which starts at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 3. Pam and Dennis Rode and Deb and Ove Oren are the co-chairmen of Division B.

They will be contacting you to see if you can help. Congregation members are reminded to bring a dish to pass such as a salad, dessert, hot dish, etc. Plates, cups and eating utensils will be provided. We are expecting a big crowd, so think of what you can make to enjoy after the service.

The next WELCA meeting will be on November 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Looking ahead – start thinking about what type of cookies you can make for our annual Cookie Walk which will be Saturday, December 5.



October 3rd, 2015

Zion Lutheran Church
Odin, MN

“Faith, Hope, and Encouragement”

Registration and Coffee – 8:30 AM – Served by St. Olaf Lutheran

Meeting – 9:15 AM

Cost - \$7.00 per attendee

Speaker – Deb Hadley of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

Offering – ½ to the Synod, ½ KT Humble Hearts Foundation

Lunch – served by the ladies of Zion Lutheran Church of Odin

RSVP by September 25th to Judy Harder at 507-736-4451

SEE YOU THERE!



Congratulations!

Trinity Lutheran Church has received \$5,193 in Choice Dollars® grant funds since enrolling in the program.

THRIVENT CHOICE **DOLLARS**

Through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations.

Choice Dollars designated to Trinity this quarter is:

\$172.00

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS				
	OCT 4	OCT 11	OCT 18	OCT 25
1st Reading	Phil. 1:1-5, 4:4-11	Genesis 28	1 John 4:15-21	Matthew 4:18-20
PSALM		Psalm 139	Isaiah 43:1-7, 11-12	Micah 6:6-8
2nd Reading	Hebrews 3:4	1 John 4:7-12a	Mark 6:45-52	Luke 18:18-22
Gospel	John 17:20-26	Matthew 5-Beatitudes	Matthew 6:25-34	Matthew 7:24-27

OCTOBER LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

NEW WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:00 AM



COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

10/4, 10/11 & 10/25

COMMUNION SERVERS:

10/4-Ross Ringeisen
 10/11- Tammy Wokasch
 10/25-please volunteer



POLKA SERVICE
 & POTLUCK
 OCT. 3RD
 4:00 PM

LAY READERS:

10/4-Brenda Hansen
 10/11-Margaret Durkee
 10/18-Mike Taylor
 10/25-Marilyn Duncanson

TRINITY CHURCH BLDG
 50TH ANNIVERSARY
 WORSHIP ON OCT. 4TH
 10:30 AM

OCTOBER USHERS:

*Duane Heckman, Chris Hiller,
 Doug Schwanz and
 Brad Nickerson

RITE OF 1ST HOLY
 COMMUNION
 Oct. 25
 (there will be 4 students)

OBJECT LESSON:

10/18-Kim Hastad



OCTOBER LAWNMOWING

Oct. 1-3-Doyle & Jerry Oct. 18-24-Jerry & Monte
 Oct.4-10-Dennis Oct. 25-31-Mike W
 Oct. 11-17-Dean & Mark

October Hymns

Oct. 4 (50th Anniversary Service)

Holy, Holy, Holy
The Church's One Foundation

Oct. 11 Week 3 (Audacious Love)

Jesus Loves Me
I Love To Tell The Story
Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

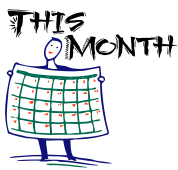
Oct. 18 Week 4 (Be Not Afraid)

What A Friend We Have in Jesus
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Blessed Assurance

Oct. 25 Week 5 (Follow Me)

Here I am Lord
We Are Marching
Lord, You Give the Great Commission





November 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><u>Worship Schedule</u></p> <p>TRINITY Sun school 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Wed. 11:00-2:30 pm Thurs. 8:30-2:30 pm</p>	<p><i>(Pastor Krista will be gone on 9/27 thru 9/30 for the Fall Theological Conference)</i></p>	<p>1 9 am Open Bible Study/ Lois Circle meets at the Truman Café</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 POLKA SERVICE & POTLUCK 4 PM</p> 
<p>4 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>Service for 50th Anniversary of our Church Bldg. 10:30 am</p>	<p>5 1:30 pm Martha at Arlene P.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>12:15-3:30 Confirmation yoU! Classes at Trinity-Truman</p> <p>Pastor Krista — gone for —</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p>13 cont. ed.</p>	<p>14 7 pm Council meeting at Trinity</p> <p>in Buffalo, MN</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>  <p>Noisey Sunday!</p> <p>1:00-4:00 pm 1st Communion class for 5th gr. And parents</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>DEADLINE!</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>  <p>REFORMATION Sunday</p> <p>Rite of 1st Holy Communion</p> <p>Pastor Krista — gone at —</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Leadership Conf. →</p>	<p>28 9:00 am</p>  <p>Messenger Assembly</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 

NEWS

From Our Parish

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Barb Shoen on the death of her husband Jim, who passed away on Tuesday, September 15th. His funeral was held at Trinity Lutheran on September 18th.



Deepest Sympathy to Joyce Jorgenson on the death of her sister, Dorothy Anderson of Willmar who died on September 1st in Willmar, MN. Her funeral was Sept. 8 at Calvary Lutheran in Willmar.

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We would like to thank everyone from Trinity who sent thoughts, prayers and cards after the loss of our mothers, Betty Anderson and Mildred Hyndman. You are all so kind.

Kent & Chris Hyndman

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The family of Jim Shoen wishes to let you know how thankful we are for all the prayers, words of comfort, cards, memorials, and for the food and other practical things we received. We want to give special thanks for those serving lunch and to those who baked the cakes, and to John Zaharia for his services, and Pastor Krista. Words cannot express the love we felt.

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A big "Thank You" for making our special day, special—we are so Blessed with wonderful family and friends.

Veryle and Joan



Did you know that there are many children in our communities who do not have enough food to eat??

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP BY SPONSORING A CHILD?

What is the Program?

Truman Schools, Fairmont Elementary, and Martin County West are teaming with Heaven's Table to provide the Backpack Program to elementary aged children during the school year. Children who participate in the Backpack Program receive 4 meals and snack to eat on the weekend, which is a time when many children do not get enough to eat.

What Can You do?

We are looking for individuals and groups to "Sponsor a Child". For \$76.00, you could sponsor a child, so he or she has food to eat on the weekends during the school year.

Donations can be sent to:

Greta Lintelman
c/o Heaven's Table Food Shelf
P.O. Box 745
Fairmont, MN 56031
Please label the donation for the "Backpack Program"



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway—\$40,497.56
Hy Vee—\$93,014.04



Prayers

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

Bea Behrens, Agnes Carlson, Lisa Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Oakley Selnes, Danny Lang and Barb Shoen and family... Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 Dennis Rode Joshua Worlds	2 Yvonne Noorlun	3 Marc Wiederhoeft
4 Lindsey Maloney	5 Howard & LuElla Kautz (54 years)	6	7	8 Luke Thompson	9 Gene Mager Madison Wiederhoeft	10 Larry Mohwinkel
11 David Zupfer	12	13	14	15 Aubrey Anderson	16 LeAnn Maloney	17
18 	19	20	21	22 Kirsten Worlds Nicole Worlds	23	24 Beth Kotewa Doyle & Arlene Peterson (56 years)
25	26	27 Dean & Bev Gulbranson (63 years) 	28	29	30 Terry Pettersen	31



The Youth Group will be serving the lunch after the Anniversary Service on October 4th



Congratulations to the Trinity students who are in the Truman High School Homecoming Court:

10th grade-Zach Jahnz,

11th grade-Brytni Drevlow,

12th grade-Hailey Olson, Amber Nickerson, Zach Hansen and Jacob Worlds.



Presentation of Bibles to the 2nd Graders was held on September 13th. Those who received their bibles were: Addison Smith, Colby Cross and Gavin Kester (*not pictured*).

VBS kids sing in Church their songs they learned in vacation bible school.



Trinity Lutheran Church of Truman, invites you to attend.....

POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 • 4:00PM

Once again Chuck Thiel & the Jolly Ramblers will entertain us with familiar sing-along hymns set to polka music tunes!

Pot Luck supper following the service.

Please bring a dish to pass:

A hot dish, salad, dessert, whatever you wish!
Beverages, plates and utensils will be provided.

Free-will offering.

**All are welcome to worship and enjoy fellowship*

—AND—

TRINITY CELEBRATES IT'S
50TH Anniversary
OF THE CHURCH BUILDING
Sunday, October 4th

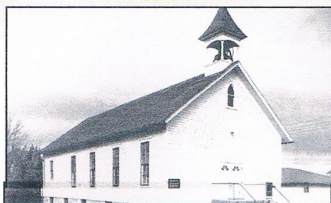
Sunday School 9:30 • Service 10:30

The present church was dedicated in 1965.

Pastor Lyle Rich will present the sermon.

Former pastors and present and past members will help us remember our past.

A noon luncheon will be served following the service.



*Everyone welcome
to attend!*



BLESSING BAGS



Make these practical gifts to share blessings with homeless people and others in need.

What you need:

- Gallon-size zippered baggies
- Clothing (socks, mittens, scarves, rain ponchos)
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, lotion, tissues, bandages)
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Paper
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Pack baggies with supplies listed above (and more, if desired).
2. Write encouraging notes (including Bible verses), and add them to the baggies.
3. Keep the gifts in your car, and give them to people who are homeless or asking for help.

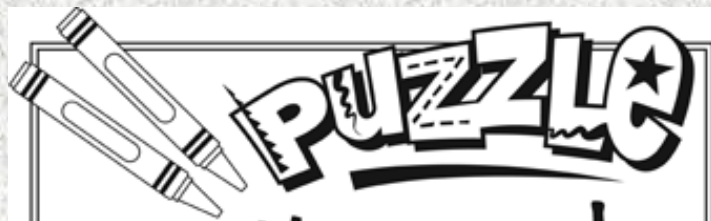
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Christian Symbol+

Oak

Oak trees are common in Israel, and, according to tradition, Jesus' cross may have been made of oak. In the Old Testament, oaks often symbolize strength and longevity. In Hebrew, the words for oak and providence are related, and some important biblical events take place near, or are marked by, oak trees; for example, "The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre ..." (Genesis 18:1, NRSV).



meeting needs

The Bible emphasizes the importance of giving to people in need. In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus describes the proper attitude for giving.

*Directions: Starting at the *B and going counterclockwise, write every other letter on the lines below. Continue until you've completed Matthew 6:3, NIV.*



"B _____

_____g."

MATTHEW 6:3, NIV

Answer: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." Matthew 6:3, NIV

Bible Quiz

In response to Jesus, Zacchaeus vowed to repay people he had defrauded; by how much did he promise to do so?



- A. In full
- B. Twice the amount he had stolen
- C. Threefold
- D. Fourfold

Answer: D (See Luke 19:8.)



THE MESSENGER

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God's Blessings to:

“Faith is not a once-done act but a continuous gaze of the heart at the Triune God.”

—A.W. Tozer



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OCTOBER



New Worship Time

TRINITY WORSHIP-10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:00 AM

(Sunday school classes are from Sept—May)

If you are searching for a church home or are currently a member, we want to extend a warm welcome to you. Trinity observes the “Open” communion policy— all those believing in Christ are welcome at our Lord’s Table.

Communion is scheduled to take place the first two Sunday’s of the month, check the calendar inside for any changes.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-8:00-11:00 am
Wed.-8-11 am, & 1-4 pm
Friday-8:00-11:00 am

PASTOR KRISTA’S HOURS OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday—11:00-2:30 pm
Thursday—8:30—2:30 pm