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



God's Work Our Hands 2017



Thank you to those who organized the day, provided donations, and all who participated.



TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Dennis Rode
Vice President: Yvonne Noorlun
Secretary: Cathy Sorenson
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,
Stewardship: Vern Quade
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille
Worship: Barb Mager
Youth: Teresa Davis
Pastor Krista

Trinity Lutheran Church September 13, 2017

Present: Dennis Rode, Clayton Duncanson, Vern Quade, Teresa Davis, Laurie Wille, Barb Mager and Yvonne Noorlun.

Clayton made the motion to accept the secretary's report and Barb made the second. Motion carried. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. There is \$6317 in the checking account and \$37,383 in the savings account.

The checking account is down over \$3500 in the last month. Hopefully, the account will increase again the next 4 months. Laurie made the motion to accept the report and Teresa made the second. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship: Vern met with Brenda and is working on Pony Express plans. He asked everyone to offer any additions or changes to the time and talents sheets.

Lay Ministry: There was discussion about possible new members. Laurie will talk with Pastor Krista.

Church Properties: No report
Christian Education: No report

Youth: There will be a meeting on Sunday after church regarding the National Youth Gathering next summer in Houston, Texas.

Worship: the scriptures for September and October will be based on "Grace." Choir will start the end of September and new member are very welcome.

Pastor's Report: Pastor met with the confirmation families. There are about 15 confirmation students in the 7th and 8th grades between the two churches.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion about Green Lake Bible Camp. The finances were confusing this year between camp, parents, pastor, Madelia Trinity and Truman Trinity. Laurie is our representative and she will work on better communication next year.

Yvonne gave a report on our Thrivent Funds. We have received Thrivent funds for 5 projects in the last two months—The waffle breakfast, Ronald McDonald House, God's Work/Our Hands, polka service, Shyiana Circuit guests. We need to continue to apply for funding for our projects. Yvonne will gladly help with the application process.

The council wants to thank all who so generously contributed items for the Ronald McDonald House. The staff was thrilled when

Yvonne drove up with a car full of items and breakfast bags for their residents.

The council also wants to thank those who worked on God's Work/Our Hands projects. The breakfast bags, the school yard and the downtown park were great projects and your efforts are appreciated. Thanks to Dustin Splinter for bringing his trailer and for disposing of "our efforts."

NEW BUSINESS:

Many thanks to WELCA for donating \$1300 to the roof fund. This is the profit from the Salad Luncheon.

Clayton made the motion to adjourn and Vern made the second

Yvonne Noorlun,
Substitute secretary



We need to continue to apply to Thrivent for funding for our Church projects. Please contact Yvonne Noorlun and she will gladly help you with the application process!

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Theme	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Oct 1-(Pentecost 17)	Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32	25:1-9	Phil 2:1-13	Matt 21:23-32
Oct 8-(Pentecost 18)	Isaiah 5:1-7	80:7-15	Phil 3:4b-14	Matt 21:33-46
Oct 15-(Pentecost 19)	Isaiah 25:1-9	23	Phil 4:1-9	Matt 22:1-14
Oct 22 (Pentecost 20)	Isaiah 45:1-7	96:1-9[10-13]	1 Thess 1:1-10	Matt 22:15-22
Oct 29-(All Saints)	Rev 7:9-17	34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matt 5:1-12

OCTOBER LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:00 –10:15 AM

(Sunday school classes begin Sept. 17th)

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

Oct. 1st & 8th

COMMUNION SERVERS:

10/1-Marlene Breitbarth

10/8-Abby Butler

LAY READERS:

10/1-Clayton Duncanson

10/8-Barb Shoen

10/15-Carolyn Drevlow

10/22-Jan Ringeisen

10/29-TBA

OCTOBER USHERS:

*Doyle Peterson, Jerry Teig, Dennis Rode, Brian Nickerson

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH

We will be celebrating All Saints Day

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

We will be celebrating the Reformation



LAWN-MOWING
TEAM

Trinity Lawn Care for October

Oct 1-7-Dave Baarson

Oct 8-14 –Doug Mammenga & Dave Kahler

Oct 15-21– Dallas Wegner & Tom Kneeland

Oct 22-28– Clayton Duncanson & Chuck Nord

Oct 29-Nov 4-Doyle Peterson & Jerry Teig

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

POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE



Saturday, September 30 • 4 P.M.

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

Pot Luck Meal 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*



WELCA NEWS

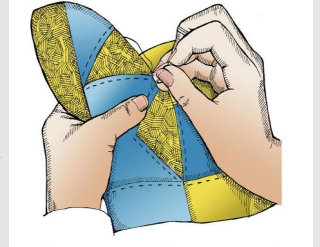
The Fall gathering of the Watonwan River Conference will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in New Ulm on Saturday, October 7. Ladies wishing to attend should contact Barb Shoen or Barb Mager soon to plan traveling and registration deadlines. The meeting will start with coffee time at 8:30 am. followed by the meeting and noon luncheon. The registration cost is \$7.00.



Good News – LeAnn Maloney and Norma Stough have volunteered to chair this year's cookie walk which will be Saturday, December 2. Thank you very much for volunteering to chair this project. More information will follow about how many cookies to donate, etc. The cookie walk and the summer salad luncheon are the only two big fundraisers that our WELCA group does each year. Each Trinity family is asked to donate goodies or money to this project.

Our quilting ladies are gearing up for another season of making quilts for area causes. If you have sheets, blankets, drapes or fabric that

you could donate for fillers or batting in quilts please tell Barb Shoen or put the items in the quilting room which is located by the stairway going up to the balcony. There are circular fabric pieces (yo-yo's) on the window of the door – you can't miss the room. Quilts are made in January, February and March.



Also if you could help make some quilt tops, I'm sure Barb Shoen would appreciate some help before the quilting sessions.

LOOK UP!

Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind. ... As long as you are proud, you cannot know God. A proud [person] is always looking down on things and people. And, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.



—C.S.



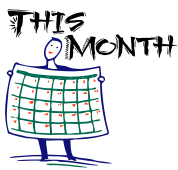
UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway-\$117,451.77

Hy-Vee-\$136,996.93

*Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count)
Keep those receipts coming!!*

***Please don't cut off the receipts--
the amounts are getting cut off
and making them useless.*



November 2017						
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26	27	28	29	30		

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 <u>Communion</u>	2 1:30 Martha at Arlene P.	3	4 6 pm Choir practice Begins	5 9 am Open Bible Study at Truman café	6	7 Watonwan River WELCA Fall Gathering At Our Saviors in New Ulm
8 <u>Communion</u> Confirmation- U 12:15-3:30 (at Madelia)	9  Columbus Day	10	11 Joint Council Mtg. — 7 pm (at Madelia) 6 pm Choir	12	13 	14
15	16 	17	18 6 pm choir	19	20	21  "Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." ISAIAH 25:9
22	23	24	25 Your faith in God has gone forth everywhere. <small>1Thessalonians 1:8, ESV</small>  6 pm Choir	26	27	28
29 Celebrating All Saints Sunday 	30 9 am Messenger assembly 	31  Halloween		<u>Worship Schedule</u> Worship 10:30 AM Sun School 9-9:30 –Breakfast 9:30-10:15-class	<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	<u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u> Tuesday: 9:00-1:00 pm Friday: 9:00-1:00 pm

NEWS

From Our Parish



Deepest Sympathy to Doug Schwanz and family on the death of his father, Jr. Schwanz who passed away on Saturday, August 26th. The funeral was held in South Branch.

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Our sincere sympathy to the Jerome Wille family on the death of his father, Vernon Wille, who passed away on Tuesday, September 5th. The funeral wash held at St. Paul's in Truman.



## CALLING ALL SINGERS!

A Community Choir is being put together to perform a beautiful Christmas Cantata, "On This Very Night". The music is upbeat and inspiring as well as having traditional Christmas flare, proclaiming God's message of "Joy to the World". We welcome singers from Bass to Soprano and age 17 to 100. Practices will be from 7-8 pm on Wednesday nights, starting Oct. 4 in the Truman School Auditorium. The performance is scheduled for 2 pm on Sunday, December 10th. This event is NOT school sponsored.

## ADVICE FROM A PUMPKIN



1. Be well-rounded.
2. Get plenty of sunshine.
3. Give thanks for life's bounty.
4. Have a thick skin.
5. Keep growing.
6. Be outstanding in your field.
7. Think big!



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Anything confidential or containing cash should be placed under Pastor's or the Administrators office door. Please be cautious about what you put into any of the mailboxes



## Prayers

We remember in our prayers... all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound: **Bea Behrens, and Danny Lang...** 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<br>Dennis Rode<br>Josh Worlds                                                          | 2<br>Yvonne Noorlun                                                                | 3 Marc Wiederhoeft<br><br><b>Brad &amp; Deb Nickerson (25 years)</b>                      | 4<br>Lindsey Maloney                                                                      | 5<br>                                                                    | 6<br><b>Howard &amp; LuElla Kautz (56 years)</b>                                                                                               | 7                                                  |
| 8<br>Luke Thompson                                                                       | 9 Gene Mager<br>Madison Wiederhoeft<br><br><b>Dennis &amp; Pam Rode (41 years)</b> | 10<br>Larry Mohwinkel                                                                     | 11<br>David Zupfer                                                                        | 12                                                                                                                                                         | 13                                                                                                                                             | 14                                                 |
| 15<br> | 16<br>LeAnn Maloney                                                                | 17                                                                                        | 18<br> | 19                                                                                                                                                         | 20                                                                                                                                             | 21<br><b>David &amp; Susan Michalke (45 years)</b> |
| 22<br>Tim Cook<br><br>Kirsten Worlds<br><br>Nicole Worlds                                | 23                                                                                 | 24<br>Beth Kotewa<br><br><b>Doyle &amp; Arlene Peterson (58 years)</b>                    | 25                                                                                        | 26                                                                                                                                                         | 27<br><b>Dean &amp; Bev Gulbranson (65 years)</b><br><br> | 28                                                 |
| 29                                                                                       | 30<br>Terry Pettersen                                                              | 31<br> |                                                                                           | "I am the LORD, and there is no other." <small>Isaiah 45:5</small><br> |                                                                                                                                                |                                                    |

# 500<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary OF THE REFORMATION

## REFORMATION MILESTONE: CELEBRATION AND REPENTANCE

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on a church door in Germany. This wasn’t an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ (“the priesthood of all believers”), so there’s no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose — Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others — and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults “with the best of them”; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states: “In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years.”

Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses, or thoughts, to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, many Christians remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted.



Luther's theses contained three main pillars, which have stood for almost 500 years:

1. Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) - The Bible is the sole authority in matters of faith, life and conduct. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV).
2. Sola Fide (Faith Alone) - Christians are justified, or declared righteous, only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. Although morality and good works are important, they alone cannot lead to salvation. "A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16, NRSV).
3. Sola Gratia (Grace Alone) - Grace is God's unmerited, or undeserved, favor. Salvation is a free gift from our gracious God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV).





## Sign of grace

Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.

**What you need:**

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers

**What you do:**

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.

# Gift of Grace

## The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

*Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.*

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| H | J | J | E | S | f | U | S | u | C | O | H |
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" \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_ ."

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV

## Christian Symbol+

### Cornerstone



A cornerstone harkens back to God's pronouncement in Isaiah 28:16 that he "has laid as a foundation in Zion ... a precious cornerstone." Ephesians 2:20 declares that Jesus is the cornerstone of the household of God. The letters IHC and XP are abbreviations for "Jesus" and "Christ" in ancient

### BIBLE QUIZ

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive others?



- A. 7
- B. 70
- C. 77
- D. 70 x 7
- E. C or D, depending on the translation

Answer: E (See Matthew 18:22)



# THE MESSENGER

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## OCTOBER 2017

**50<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Anniversary**  
OF THE REFORMATION

**New!**

Trinity now has  
**Text Alert!!!**

We can notify you by text  
message if church has been  
cancelled, or any other event  
change. Call or email the  
church office to be included!

*God's Blessings to:*

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*“You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones.”*

—St. Augustine

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**Welcome**  
*Worship with us*

**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  
OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday—9:00-1:00 pm**  
**Friday—9:00—1:00 pm**

~Please call Pastor on her cell if you need to contact her any other time of the week. If she doesn’t answer leave a message and she will call you right back~