

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear Family and Friends at Trinity,

If all goes as planned, at the end of October my friend, also named Penny (long story), and I will be floating on the Mississippi

River on a steam driven paddleboat. Of course if not all goes as planned I will be sitting in my pink house feeling sorry for myself!

I love the riverboat cruises. I also loved the ocean cruises-except for one minor detail. I got seasick on the ocean liners and I decided it didn't make sense to pay \$5-6,000 to be sick. I don't get sick on the riverboats.

I have taken several of the Mississippi River trips but one in particular stands out. Our group took a bus from Truman to St. Louis (Alton) where we were to get on the boat and come back north to Red Wing. The very first night of our trip, there was a meeting with the Captain-not the usual "Welcome Aboard" party but a meeting. The Captain very apologetically explained that he was sorry but he could not take us north because the water levels were too high; we would not be able to get under the bridges; however he would take us south. While there were many very angry and upset people, I was fine with the plan. I was on the boat, having fun, and I had never been to Paducah. However, the next night there was another meeting with the Captain who explained he could not take us south, the water was too low. It seems our boat was 'stuck' in the area of the river between St. Louis and Hannibal, Missouri, destined, it seemed to travel in figure "8s" or circles!

Life feels like that sometimes too doesn't it-stuck between two places, or people, or situations, or decisions. You can't go north and you can't go south; the best it appears you can do, is run around in circles.

Centuries ago the Israelites found themselves in a similar situation. They had fled Egypt, leaving behind years of slavery and oppression. They had a destination-the Promised Land. They had a route. They had a plan.

But then they found themselves in a serious and dangerous situation. They couldn't go forward. The Red Sea was in their way. They couldn't go back. Pharaoh's army was advancing upon them from that direction. They had one option and that was to trust God. Moses told his people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today....The Lord Himself will fight for you, Just stay calm." (Exodus 14:13). And of course, God did just that. He opened the sea before them and eliminated the army behind them.

Perhaps when we find ourselves caught, not able to go forward or backward, we need to heed Moses' advice to his people. Wait. Stand still. Trust God to open a way for you. This involves prayer, and serious Bible study.

It is a time for heartfelt worship, and even, as strange as it might seem, praise. It is surrender to the will and the power of God in your life. It is believing the promise of Jesus, "I am with you always". (Matthew 28:20).

It is taking God at His word, "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty you will not drown, when you walk through the fires of oppression, you will not be burned up, for I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." (Exodus 43:2-3) Is it easy? Not always. Do we finally get where we wanted to go or do what we wanted to do? No necessarily.

Why? Because God may have a better place and a better plan for you-"plans for good and not for disaster; to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

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COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: N/A
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Treasurer: N/A
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk
Lay Ministry: Eloise Miller
Worship: Jan Ringeisen
Youth: Teresa Zaharia



Trinity Lutheran Council Meeting September 8, 2021

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Rhonda Bonk Nikki Smith Eloise Miller Teresa Zaharia Dallas Wegner

Pastor's Report: Penny Ritter sent "welcome back" cards to a few people who were back in attendance for the first time. Sent guest cards to all visitors and a letter to Linnea. Met twice with Dan last month and got the VBS report from him to share with the congregation. Talked to Barb Shoen about the school bags for Lutheran World Service. Thank you to all who bought items for school bags.

Secretary's Report-The secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasures Report- Teresa Zaharia -The total for checking and savings is \$73,097.87. The church is right on budget.

Stewardship-Rhonda Bonk Pony Express will go forward this fall.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Eloise Miller - none

Church Properties-Dallas Wegner - A new lock system was put on the south door. Combination is the same. The parking lot has been sprayed for weeds.

Christian Education-Nikki Smith - The Family VBS is done and the families liked the program. Thank you to all who helped. Confirmation starts Sept. 15. GIFT will meet once a month beginning in October. They will meet the first Wednesday of every month with the same hours and curriculum. Four volunteers will lead GIFT and many volunteers from the congregation will be need to make a successful program.

Youth-Teresa Zaharia - The youth will meet and on Sept. 26 and go to Mankato to the Escape Room for an activity.

Worship- none

OLD BUSINESS:
 God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 26

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion carried to the agreement for the Bridal Shower for Brittney Lang. Motioned accepted for the transfer of David and Tonia Kahler to St. Paul's Lutheran in Hackensack Mn. Four families will be contacted for new membership or associate members of Trinity. Yvonne bought 4 large servers from Nancy Jo's. Bevcomm will hook up WI FI soon. After a discussion from Synod, the church site profile needs to be updated this week and then can move forward with a new pastor.

Eloise motioned to adjourn at 8:30 and Dallas second.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of August 31, 2021

Checking Account Bal.	\$27,652
Savings Account Bal.	\$45,446
AUGUST:	
General Fund Income	\$ 14,442
General Fund Expenses	\$ 3,264
Net Long	\$11,178
SEPTEMBER:	
Cash Available	\$27,652
Bills to pay	\$ 4,542
Cash long	\$23,110

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
October 3-Pentecost 19	Genesis 2:18-24	Heb. 1:1-4;2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 10-Pentecost 20	Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 17-Pentecost 21	Isaiah 53:4-12	Hebrews 5:1-10	March 10:35-45
October 24-Pentecost 22	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
October 31-Reformation -First Holy Communion	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Thanks to all those who helped out with the projects from God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.



Newest Members: Judy Doble, Robin Miller & Ann & Copeland Erdmann

2nd Grade Bible Presentation: Aubree Heenan, Liam Werner & Alaina Klassen



WELCA News



SALE - Since we are no longer making greeting cards we are selling the remaining ones for three for a dollar rather than fifty cents each. Take a look. There are still some very nice cards in the box.

After coffee one Tuesday morning we packed the school bags and got them ready for Kathy to take to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse. We filled thirty bags.

The auxiliary group for Living Meadows in Madelia will meet the first Tuesday in October to decide if we can have the salad luncheon in October. Ordinarily it is held in April but because of covid we felt it was not safe. It will be interesting to find out what is decided.

Remember there will be Bible Study October 7 at the church.

Another date to remember is November 14 which will be Thankoffering Sunday.

We are happy to have three more women join Trinity - Judy Doble, Robin Miller, and Ann Erdmann.

Thanks to the members of the funeral committee for serving lunch after Bev Gulbranson's funeral.

(Pastor's letter continued from page 1)

When we realized that there was nothing we could do to change our course, Penny and I accepted the fact that we simply had to trust the captain of our boat to keep us safe, and get us somewhere, and in the meantime, all we could do, all we had to do was trust him, and enjoy the ride.

Perhaps when in our lives we find ourselves running in circles, that is what we have to do as well; let go of the plans we had made and trust our Captain to see us through, who promises, "In those days, when you pray, I will listen. If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me. I will be found by You, and I will restore" (Jeremiah 29:13b-14) Bon Voyage!

Pastor Penny

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.



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

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$52,955.45

Hy-Vee-\$75,276.73

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

LAWN CARE TEAM FOR OCT

9/26-10/3-Mike Wiederhoeft

10/4-/10/10-Dallas & Tom K.

10/11-10/17-Gary Meyer

10/18-10/24-Dennis & Pam Rode

10/25-10/31-Clayton Duncanson



November 2021						
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<p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>In-person Service at 10:30 am on Sunday's & live on FB</p>	<p>Church office Hours</p> <p>Mon. 8-11</p> <p>Wed 8-11, 1-4</p> <p>Fri. 8-11</p>		 <p>Blood Drive 11-4 pm at Truman Elementary on Oct 13th</p>		1	2	
<p>3 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>New Worship Time At 10:30 AM</p>	4	5	<p>6 First Communion Class 5-6:30</p> <p>GIFT Class begins 2:15-5:30 pm</p>	<p>7 9 am Open Bible Study at the church</p>	8	<p>9 Ordination of Bishop Dee Pederson in Granite Falls at 2 pm</p>	
<p>10</p>  <p>PASTOR Appreciation SUNDAY</p>	<p>11 <u>Columbus Day</u></p>  <p>Indigenous Peoples Day</p>	12	<p>13 Confirmation Class 4:30-6</p> <p>7 pm Church Council mtg.</p>	14	15	16	
<p>17 <u>Communion</u></p>	<p>18 Newsletter</p> <p>DEADLINE!</p>	19	<p>20 First Communion Class 4:15-5:45</p>	21	22	<p>23</p> 	
<p>24</p> <p>Pastor Penny</p>	<p>25 on vacation</p>	<p>26 Oct 24-Nov. 1</p>	<p>27 Confirmation Class 4:30-6</p>	28	29		
<p>31 <u>Reformation</u></p> <p>Rite of First Holy Communion</p> 	 <p>Pastor Penny vacation</p>					<p>Coming UP Nov. 7th is All Saints Sunday and Pony Express Begins</p>	



Thanks to all of you who participated in the God's Work...

Our Hands projects, with a special thank-you to the crew that did work at my little office house. It was a much appreciated special surprise; there was no way I was going to get any work done there this week AND it reminded the man who is suppose to take care of it that he has been a little slack in his duties. thanks again. pjr



The Julie Bruderie family
At the death of her
mother, Vi Johnston,

from Olivia, MN, who passed away on Saturday, Sept. 11. Memorial services were held on Thurs, Sept. 16 at the Cross of Calvary Lutheran church in Olivia, MN.



Our sympathy to the
Dean Gulbranson
family at the death of

his wife, Beverly. She passed away on Friday, Sept. 17 at Heartland Senior Living-Truman. Her funeral was held at Trinity Lutheran on Sept. 27th with Pastor Penny Ritter officiating. She will be dearly missed at Trinity.

Trinity's President Report



1. Thanks to all who helped with God's Work, Our Hands and the Ronald McDonald Project.
2. We are looking forward to the GIFT program starting again this fall. We are starting out at one time per month, and we are looking for volunteer help.
3. The call committee has completed our site profile and submitted it to the synod. We are meeting with the Synod and hope to have interviews soon.
4. Another reminder, Church will be at 10:30 starting October 3rd.

You are invited to attend the Service of Holy Communion with the Installation of the Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson (As Bishop of the SW MN Synod, ELCA). Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 2 PM. Reception to follow.

Granite Falls Lutheran Church, 350 9th Ave. Granite Falls, MN.

RSVP: www.swmnelca.org/installation



Prayers

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

Ardene Miller, Larry Miller, Rosalie Heckman, Doris Fedder, Linnea Huss, Crue Crosby, Tim Bramneier, Julie Bruderie Family, Dean Gulbranson Family.

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

OCTOBER



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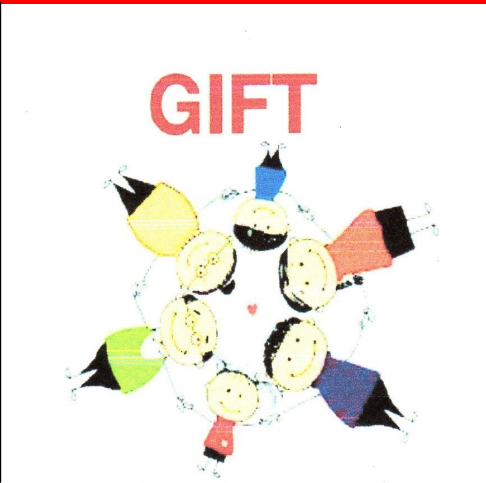
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<p>Remember your OFFERINGS</p> 					<p>1 Dennis Rode Josh Worlds</p>	<p>2 Yvonne Noorlun</p>
<p>3 Brad & Deb Nickerson (29 years)</p>	<p>4 Lindsey Hoppe</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Howard & LuElla Kautz (60 years) <i>60th</i> ANNIVERSARY</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Madison Wierdhoeft Dennis & Pam Rode (45 years)</p>
<p>10 Larry Mohwinkel</p>	<p>11 David Zupfer</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Abby Hinton</p>	<p>14 Heather Tonkin</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 LeAnn Maloney</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 </p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 David & Sue Michalke (49 years)</p>	<p>22 Tim Cook Kirsten Worlds Nicole Worlds</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Beth Kotewa Doyle & Arlene Peterson (62 years)</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Terry Pettersen</p>
<p>31 Sydney Brudelie</p> 						



Growing in Faith Together

GIFT IS BACK!

GIFT stands for Growing In Faith Together.

It's a FREE after school program where students can learn about the bible, eat, play, and have fun.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church in Truman

When: **FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH** starting October 6th, 2:15-5:15pm

Who: All school ages!

Transportation: Participants will be able to ride the bus from school to Trinity, all students must wear a mask on the bus.

Questions? call: Ashley Parish 507-829-9741 or Allison Klassen 507-381-0963

To Register go to: <https://bit.ly/GIFT2021-2022>





Bible Quiz

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?



- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah

Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10)

PUZZLE

GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

e 7 e 2 o 4 r 1 c 6 j 3 i 5
 w 3 y 5 l 2 a 4 s 6 a 1

p 1 y 4 r 2 a 3

e 4 g 1 v 3 i 2

h 2 n 4 t 1 a 3 s 6 k 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

Contact the church office for the registration forms for any of these Retreat's

FALL RETREATS AT CAMP

Visit www.gllm.org for more information about upcoming events and to register online! Registration available via mail and over the phone by contacting Steph at retreat@gllm.org or 320-796-2181.



FALL FRENZY YOUTH RETREAT

October 9 - Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp
Come join us as we explore God's word, play games, spend time outside, and enjoy the beauty of camp in the fall! Whether you've been to camp before, or just want to give it a try, let's have some fun together!



FAMILY CAMP RETREAT

October 21-23 - Green Lake Bible Camp
Does your family need a break from the start of the school year madness? This retreat is for you! Come and get the chance to spend intentional and fun time together.



GRANDPARENT & GRANDCHILD RETREAT

November 6-7 - Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp
This retreat is meant just for grandparents and grandchildren! This one night retreat will offer you a unique chance to spend time doing camp activities, while also learning more about your faith together!



YOUTH DIRECTORS RETREAT

November 8-9 - Green Lake Bible Camp
Calling all Youth Directors! Join us for continuing-education as we build a community, find ways to support one another, and plan for another year of impactful ministry.



CREATIVE SOULS RETREAT

November 19-21 - Green Lake Bible Camp
Whatever your hobby may be, bring your supplies and join us for a great weekend of crafting. You will enjoy fellowship, relaxation and a supportive Christian atmosphere!

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October 2021


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THANKS


unto the Lord; for he is good;
for his mercy endureth for ever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34, KJV

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