

# THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear Family and Friends at Trinity,

Yes. I had a wonderful, educational, fun and exhausting time on my recent trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. Out of respect for you, I will not bore

you with the details, unless you ask! By the time you read this, I will be on another grand adventure, this time in Alaska. It is an 'expedition cruise". It should be interesting, I am not the kayaking, hiking, exploring type; I think I will just wave "Good-bye, have fun" to my friend as she ventures forth, and stay on board reading a good murder mystery and eating chocolate chip cookies.

I do not want to talk about vacations, even though they are on many people's minds as vacation time draws to a close for families, students and teachers alike. I would like to talk instead about "Trades". I recently traded a piece of yard care equipment I do not need for some man-work hours I do need, but that is not the kind of trade I want to talk about either. Frankly, I usually come out on the losing end of those kinds of deals.

I want to talk, instead, about trading people. If you are a sports fan, you know there are always trades being made, or being rumored. Teams are always negotiating this player for that player, as if they were simply merchandise to be put in a shopping bag and carried off. There are of course players begging, for one reason or another—usually money—to be traded. Trading is part of the business of sports; it goes with the territory, or playing field.

If you follow the news, you are well aware of the trade negotiations going on between the US and Russia for prisoners held by both. Russia is holding a US basketball player Brittney Griner and former US Marine Paul Whelen. Griner pleaded guilty to a drug charge (forced confession or not, we will probably never know), and Whelen was convicted on espionage charges which he has always denied. The US is holding Russian arms trader

Viktor Bout. The possibility of still other trades, in this situation referred to as "prisoner exchanges" are rumored to being tossed about as well, but those are still unclear.

You may not think prisoner exchanges should be made or that the exchange is not fair, a sports figure for a notorious arms dealer who has brought death to many people. You may think that exchanges like this weaken negotiating power and actually create more hostage type situations. You many think that such exchanges are wise, regardless of the situations that made people prisoners in the first place, because they save individual lives. Frankly, it matters little what you and I think about these exchanges, I seriously doubt that our government, or any government is going to ask for our opinions!

There is, or was, however one trade, one prisoner exchange for which we all need to be grateful. It was, by anyone's standards a totally unfair exchange—a world full of sinners for the life of one sinless man. We were, according to the Scriptures, prisoners, held captive to sin and death, until God exchanged His Son for our souls.

We were guilty, no jury deliberation needed for that; we were set free by the blood of Jesus. Paul, in his letter to the church in Rome (and therefore to us) makes this perfectly clear in chapter 3:23-25

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous.

He did this through Jesus Christ when He freed us from the penalty for our sin.

For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.

People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life....

Now, my friends, that is a trade that should bring us to our knees in thanksgiving and praise! It is also a trade we should broadcast to the world.

~Pastor Penny~

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun  
Vice President: Dan Klassen  
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening  
Treasurer: Brenda Hansen  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee  
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk  
Lay Ministry: Eloise Miller  
Worship: Cathy Sorenson  
Youth: Teresa Zaharia  
Council at Large: Josh Tonkin



**Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Council Meeting 7:00  
 Wed.- September 7, 2022**

### Members Present:

Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Eloise Miller Dan Klassen Rhonda Bonk Cathy Sorenson Nikki Smith Josh Tonkin Mark Durkee and guest Ashley Parish

Devotion: Dan Klassen

Pastors Report: Penny Ritter made 5 phone calls, 2 visits, 2 funerals, met with 2 families, send 3 cards.

Secretary's Report: was accepted as read .

Treasures Report: - Rhonda motioned to accept treasures report and Dan second.

Church Properties: Mark Durkee - The new crushed granite is settling in well on the drive-

way. Weed control spraying has been every other week. Parts for the kitchen faucet are in and Watsons will install as soon as he has time. Replacement of the new shrubs is completed. The tree on the northwest side of the parking lot is looking tough. Plan to remove the tree.

**Thank you to all the members for all their help.**

Christian Education: Nikki Smith – A 20 X 20 pad will be installed for the new swing set. September 14 will be the first day for GIFT program for this year. All other month's GIFT will be the first Wednesday of the month. At 5:30 there will be a short program from the GIFT kids followed by pancake supper, egg bake and fruit.

**A huge Thank You for all the Silent Auction donations.**

Youth: Nikki Smith - The Youth was going out to eat at La Plaza.

Worship: Cathy Sorenson - will order a sign "So Glad you're here".

**OLD BUSINESS:** Gods Work, Our Hands will be September

25. Confirmation??

**NEW BUSINESS:** motion accepted to approve Facility Use Agreement for Sunday January 8th 2023 fellowship hall for Marlene Ratike Birthday.

Council agreed if Penny was Ok with returning to the traditional service for communion.

Nikki motioned to adjourn at 8:05 and Mark second.

Submitted by Secretary Kathy Wilkening



### Treasurer's Summary Report As of August 31 2022

Checking Account Bal.	\$55,206
Savings Account Bal.	\$56,001
<b>AUGUST</b>	
General Fund Income	\$ 5668
General Fund Expenses	\$ 4449
Net long	\$ 1,219
<b>SEPTEMBER:</b>	
Cash Available	\$ 55,206
Bills to pay	\$ 5,066
Cash long	\$ 50,140

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
October 2-Pentecost 17	Hab 1:1-4;2:1-4	2 Tim 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
October 9-God's Work Our Hands	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15	2 Tim 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
October 16-Pentecost 19	Gen 32:22-31	2 Tim 3:14—4:5	Luke 18:1-8
October 23-Pentecost 20	Jer 14:7-10, 19-22	2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
October 30-Reformation	Jer 31:31-34	Rom 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

### Several disasters made the news. Here are some of the biggest ones:

- **In Puerto Rico and the Caribbean**, Hurricane Fiona brought torrential rainfall and devastating flooding to the islands. Almost exactly five years after Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico is again experiencing an island-wide blackout and damaged buildings and infrastructure. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Caribbean Synod to develop an immediate response in impacted communities.
- **In Alaska**, the remnants of Typhoon Merbok have caused widespread flooding along the state's western coast. This was one of the worst storms in recent decades in Alaska, with strong waves and heavy rainfall damaging homes, seawalls, roads and other infrastructure. Officials are planning a quick relief period before the water freezes. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Alaska Synod to address the needs of those impacted by the storm.
- **In Japan**, Typhoon Nanmadol hit Kyushu, the country's southernmost main island. At least two people were killed and dozens more injured in the storm, which moved northward over Honshu. Wind gusts of over 145 mph and heavy rainfall caused at least one landslide and damaged homes and businesses. We have been in touch with the ELCA's global personnel in Japan.
- **In Papua New Guinea**, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit on Sep. 11, with ensuing aftershocks. At least three people died, and many buildings and roads were impacted. There is a strong Lutheran presence in the impacted area, including a Lutheran nursing school connected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) that was damaged in the earthquake. We have been in contact with the ELCPNG to discuss a possible response.

**In Pakistan**, the summer monsoon flooding is causing a widespread humanitarian crisis. The flooding has killed 1,500 people and up to 7 million people may be displaced. Lutheran Disaster Response is contributing to an ACT Alliance appeal that addresses the needs of flooded communities. Through the appeal, local partners will provide food, temporary shelter and bedding, rebuilding materials and psychosocial support. These are just the disasters that made the biggest headlines. There are countless smaller disasters that don't make the news. With your gifts to the [Lutheran Disaster Response general fund](#), we can respond to as many as possible – whenever and wherever they strike.

### Additional Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

**Lutheran Disaster Response**

**P.O. Box 1809**

**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

\*\*\**(There are also pre-addressed envelopes on the table in the church narthex)*



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# WELCA News

Our serving committee has been very busy serving lunch at funerals this year. I appreciate all the ladies that have helped. Even though you are not listed in the group' volunteers are always appreciated. Thanks to Cathy S. for acting as chairman.

If you have not yet furnished items for the personal care kit project there is still time to do so. The deadline is November 1. Remember these consist of a bath towel, two bars of soap, a sturdy comb, a tooth brush and nail clippers.

Good sheets are always needed for our quilt project. Colored ones work well for quilt backs and white ones are used for linings for light weight quilts. We also appreciate pieces of fabric.

We have this project where we pair women with a child belonging to Trinity to pray for and send cards to. If you have not been paired with someone and would like to be let me know. (Barb at 236 8311.)

The school food shelf is not a WELCA project but I would urge you to bring items for this much needed project. There is always a list of items needed in the Sunday bulletin.

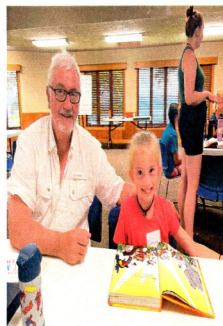
~Barb Shoen

# ADULT RETREATS



Visit [www.gllm.org](http://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](mailto:retreat@gllm.org) or 320-796-2181.

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## GRANDPARENT & GRANDCHILD RETREAT

Friday, November 5 - Saturday, November 6, 2022

Green Lake Bible Camp

Adult Fee: \$85 | Youth Fee: \$35

This one night retreat will offer grandparents and grandchildren a unique chance to spend time doing camp activities, while also learning more about your faith together! With intergenerational Bible studies, worship, activities, and more, this is your chance to spend intentional time together while playing in God's creation!



## YOUTH MINISTRY WORKERS RETREAT

Monday, November 14, 10:00 AM - Tuesday, November 15, 4:00 PM

Medayto Lodge at Green Lake Bible Camp

Fee: \$75

Join us for continuing-education as we build a community, find ways to support one another, and plan for another year of impactful ministry. Hear from guest speakers and share with each other about this year's theme. Take time to get away, breathe deeply, and reconnect with God so you can be renewed and invigorated for the ministry ahead!



## CREATIVE SOULS RETREATS

Friday, November 18 - Sunday, November 20, 2022

Friday March 31 - Sunday, April 2, 2023

Green Lake Bible Camp | Fee: \$175

Whatever your hobby may be, bring your supplies and join us for a great weekend of crafting at Green Lake Bible Camp. You will enjoy fellowship, and a supportive Christian atmosphere in the company of other creative women. You will also have time for devotions, taking a walk, or even a nap.

## UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



**Fareway-\$77,574.29**

**Hy-Vee-\$118,890.05**

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

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



# OCTOBER 2022

November 2022						
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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
<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> <b>Worship Service at 10:30 am ~streaming live on FB~</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</b> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	<b>Lawncare Team for October</b> Oct. 2-8—Tom Kneeland Oct. 9-15—Gary Meyer Oct. 16-22—Denis & Pam R. Oct. 23-29—Clayton 	<b>Lay-readers</b> 10/2-Dan K 10/9-LeAnn M 10/16-Donna K 10/23-Ann E 10/30-Brenda	<b>Oct. Ushers</b> Dennis Rode and Dave Baarson	1	
2 <u>Communion</u>	3	4	5 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30	6 9 am Open Bible study	7	8
9 <b>God's work. Our hands.</b>	10 <u>Columbus Day</u> 	11	12 7 pm Church Council mtg.	13	14	15
16 <u>Communion</u>	17 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 	18	19	20 	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <u>Reformation</u> 	31 					Coming in Nov. Nov. 6-All Saints Sunday Nov. 13-Thankoffering

# NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Our Sympathy to the Joyce Ysker family at the death of her brother, Lowell Williamson. He passed away on August 28 in Edina, MN. A funeral service was held for Lowell at Trinity Lutheran on September 19, 2022. Lowell was a past member of Trinity Lutheran Church.



**Gerry Miller** has moved to a new apartment, his new address is:  
Goldfinch Estates,  
C/O Gerry Miller #218,  
850 Goldfinch, Fairmont, MN 56031

**Jerry Teig** has a new address:  
1011 Feltl Court #436,  
Hopkins, MN 55343

The Doyle Peterson family would like to thank our great church family for all your support with prayers, visits, food, calls, flowers and memorials. And to the gals who served the meal and Pastor for her comforting words. It is all greatly appreciated.  
*~Arlene, Jeff & Jennifer Peterson*



**Needed are:** granola bars, crackers, goldfish crackers, cereal, peanut butter/jelly, popcorn, juice, juice boxes, cake mixes, frosting, baby food, easy mac, ramen, Deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, bodywash, toothbrushes, feminine products, notebooks, pencils, pens, folders, binders, glue sticks, crayons/colored pencils and markers all to be collected at the church.

## FUNERAL SERVICES

A funeral service was held on September 15, 2022 for Dean Gulbranson at Trinity Lutheran Church. Dean passed away on May 19, 2022.

Funeral services are to be held for former member, Rich Lauring on October 8th, 2022 at First Lutheran Church in Cushing, WI. Our sympathy to Rich's wife, Marge and family. Cards will reach her at:  
**721 Hilltop, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024.**



Thank you to all who attended the GIFT Pancake Supper & Silent Auction. Your donations will help pay for a play-set for

the GIFT kids at Trinity. You can still help out by sending your donation to the church office.

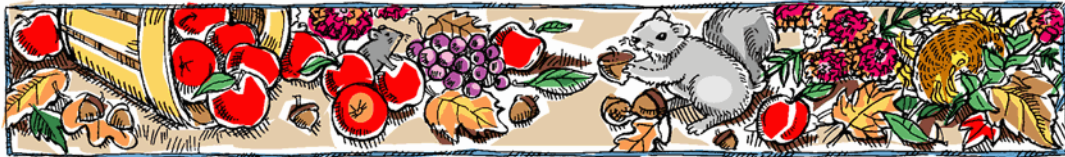


*We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:*

**Larry Miller, Rosalie Heckman, Doris Fedder, Linnea Huss, Jerry Teig, Marilyn Anderson, Joyce Ysker & family, Marge Lauring & family**  
*Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*



Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat



						1 Dennis Rode Josh Worlds
2 Yvonne Noorlun	3 <b>Brad &amp; Deb Nickerson (30 years)</b>	4 Lindsey Hoppe	5	6	7	8
9 Madison Wiederhoeft <b>Dennis &amp; Pam Rode (46 years)</b>	10 Aubrey Brudelig Larry Mohwinkel	11 David Zupfer	12	13 Abby Hinton	14 Heather Tonkin	15
16 LeAnn Maloney	17	18	19	20	21 <b>David &amp; Sue Michalke (50 years)</b> 	22 Tim Cook Kirsten Worlds Nicole Worlds
23	24 Beth Kotewa	25	26	27	28	29
30 Terry Pettersen	31 Sydney Brudelig 					

# GIFT

## Pancake meal & Silent Auction





# FUN FOR ALL AGES



Create some invisible art and then reveal the seasonal design.

### What you need:

- Leaves
- White paper
- White crayon (label removed)
- Watercolor paints
- Water
- Paintbrush



### What you do:

1. Gather leaves of different shapes and sizes. On a table, arrange them flat without overlaps. Set the paper over them.
2. Hold the crayon sideways and use the long edge to color over the leaves. You'll make an invisible rubbing of them.
3. Then paint over the paper with watercolors. The areas with crayon will resist the paint and reveal the hidden leaf designs.

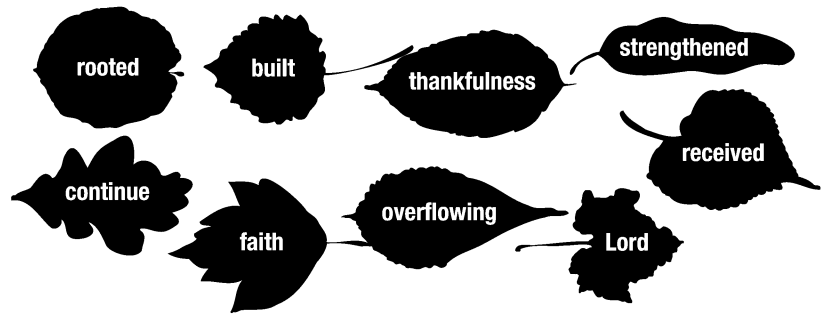


## Puzzles

# Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.  
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

*Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.*



So then, just as you \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to live your lives in him, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ up in him, \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ as you  
 were taught, and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, overflowing, faith, strengthened, built, rooted, thankfulness

## Bible Quiz

Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" — but probably could be?

- love
- faithfulness
- self-control
- gratitude
- gentleness



Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

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