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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fall is upon us! I am so excited to share some the opportunities that are in store for us as a community of faith.

church and engage in these stories in their very own Bibles.

God's Work Our Hands

On September 11, we celebrate our Rally Sunday - Sunday School kick off joining other ELCA churches in "God's work. Our hands Sunday." This is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We will gather together in worship - kick-off the Sunday School year and then be sent from worship to go serve our community together in a service project together and then join back for a lunch at the church at noon. This is an opportunity for all to serve in the community and be seen as church in action making a difference in our community. This is a day of service for all abilities. Join us for worship and then join us as we go out in the community and spruce up the our community together. We need abilities of all sorts...please plan on being part of this day... get a free t-shirt and help others see God at work in the community.



I look forward to seeing you September 11th as we learn, serve and grow in faith with each other through the events of the day and through out the year.

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Krista

Our Fall Focus: The Greatest Story



Over the next three months we are going to step away from lectionary readings to explore the Bible together as a congregation in worship and in our homes as individuals and families. This series will give us a chance to get familiar with the Bible, its stories, and how these stories connect with our personal stories. If you are familiar with the Bible this is an opportunity for you to hear these familiar stories again...maybe in a different way.... If you are intimidated by this book called the Bible this is an opportunity for you to get more familiar with the book... it's an opportunity for all of us to hear, experience, and engage in THE GREATEST STORY of all —the story of God's love for God's creation... God's people... us.

As part of **The Greatest Story** we will present ALL Sunday School students with a new Bible. This is an opportunity for us as a congregation to bless our students, to keep promises we made at baptism and support our families in sharing God's word with their children. Throughout our Greatest Story focus kids, families, and individuals will be invited to bring their Bibles to

TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Church
Council



COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Tom Dodge,
Vice President: Dennis Rode
Secretary: Marlene Breitbarth
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,
Stewardship: Duane Heckman
Lay Ministry: Yvonne Noorlun
Worship: Barb Mager
Youth: Teressa Davis
Pastor Krista

Trinity Church Council August 17, 2016

PRESENT: Pastor Krista, Clayton Duncanson, Tom Dodge, Dennis Rode, Pam Rode, Duane Heckman, Nikki Smith, and Yvonne Noorlun

President Tom Dodge called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was read by Yvonne and accepted as read. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. There is 13,451 in checking, and 74,731 in savings. The board accepted the report as presented.

BOARD REPORTS:

Lay Ministry: Yvonne reported prep for God's work our hands (deferred to new business). Also reported that the new confirmation rack that was purchased with gifts and memorials arrived. Doyle and Darrel assembled, and Cathy and Yvonne are working to transfer info.

Church Properties: New replacement window arrived.

Christian Ed: Bible School will be held Sunday Aug 21st thru Wed. 24th.

Youth: Sunday August 21st. the youth will have a swimming night from 6 to 8pm, with pizza to follow.

Worship: The Polka service will be held October 2nd, at 10:00, with a potluck to follow.

Stewardship: Several trips to the Carlson family. Thanks to all for the great response for paper products. The Carlson's are very grateful.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wayne Wiederhoeft will blow snow again this winter.

NEW BUSINESS:

God's work our hands was discussed. It was decided that Sunday Sept.

11th we will have a kickoff service and will all (those able) will go out in the community and do a general clean-up. Many of the other suggestions that were given will also be done, but on other days as separate projects. This way we can apply for Thrivent funds for each project. We will have some members stay at the church to make lunch.

We need a small organizing committee, so if anyone is interested in helping please call Pastor or Yvonne.

Pastor is ordering tee-shirts for us all to wear as we do these projects. We want to be visible in the community. We will also apply for Thrivent funds to pay for food (lunch) and tee-shirts.

Pastor and Yvonne will hold a workshop for Thrivent members to help understand how to apply for Thrivent dollars. We are passing up opportunities to receive money and need to be more pro-active. Date and time to be announced.

Motion carried to send check to Truman Days committee, and Nancy Jo for use of the coffee containers.

It was decided to pay Calvin Hanson

for pulpit supply \$100.

Pastor showed us new teaching Bibles. The plan is give one Bible to three year old's and another Bible to the 3rd graders. It will take a little more this year to get everyone caught up, then it will go back to just the three year olds and third graders. The Bibles are amazing and will help parents as well as Sunday School teachers. Pastor was able to get a huge discount as well as no postage if ordered by Friday. This first year the cost will be \$500. We will ask WELCA to take out of gifts and memorials. We will also apply for Thrivent Dollars to help defray costs.

PASTORS REPORT:

Pastor reported on meetings attended, Pastoral duties, Projects, and upcoming events.

She reported on confirmation plans, fall worship sermon series, youth trips, educations plans with Ed team, and continuing education plans.

Yvonne Noorlun sub for Marlene Breitbarth, Secretary



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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 month is:**

58.00

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Theme	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
September 4	Deut 30:15-20	1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
September 11	Exod. 32:7-14	51:1-10	1 Tim 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 18	Amos 8:4-7	113	1 Tim 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
September 25	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	146	1 Tim 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

SEPTEMBER LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 8:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 10:00 AM (begins on 18th)

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

Sept. 4 & 11

COMMUNION SERVERS:

9/4-Mark Durkee

9/11-Donna Kotewa

LAY READERS:

9/4-Margaret Durkee

9/11-Dave Sorenson

9/18-Courtney Zaharia

9/25-Brenda Hansen

SEPTEMBER USHERS:

*Mark Durkee, Tim Cook,
Jaiden Cook, and Troy Harder

SUNDAY SCHOOL



RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 11TH



SEPTEMBER LAWNMOWING



8/28-9/3-Mike Wiederhoeft

9/4-9/10-Dave Baarson

9/11-9/17-Gary Meyer & Dustin Splinter

9/18-9/24-Wayne Maloney

9/25-10-/1-Doug Mammenga & David K.

September Hymns



Sept. 4- *Faith of our Fathers*
Borning Cry
What a Fellowship

Sept. 11- "Beginnings"
I Love to tell the Story
Beautiful Savior
We are Marching

Sept. 18- "God's People on the Move"
Rise Shine You People
Praise to The Lord
Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Sept. 25- "Getting Settled"
O God our Help in Ages Past
Great is Thy Faithfulness
How Great Thou Art

Trinity's Annual Polka Service & Potluck will be held on Sunday, October 2nd at 10:00 A.m.





WELCA NEWS

September 13 --Trinity

WELCA members will be helping serve the monthly Birthday Party at the Lutheran Memorial Home in Madelia at 2:00 p.m.

October 1 – Watonwan River WELCA Fall Conference in Sleepy Eye.

October 2 – The annual Polka Service will be held on Sunday this year due to scheduling conflicts. The service will be at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School earlier in the morning. There will be a pot-luck lunch served after the service.

As the date gets closer, a division will be asked to help serve the lunch. Tell your family and friends about the service time and date. It is always a day of fun, fellowship and good food!

A big thank you to Janice and Darrell Buhmann for taking the quilts that were made by our WELCA members to the Twin Cities. The quilts were donated to the “Bridging” project which donates quilts, beds, etc. to individuals and families who are in need of them. They were very appreciative to receive the quilts.

A suggestion was mentioned at the last WELCA meeting that

those who bring bars for the salad luncheon could pre-cut them into one-inch squares. This process would save time when the kitchen crew is getting things ready the morning of the salad luncheon. Four bars of different kinds are put on one plate which gives guests a chance to try different kinds of bars.

The annual Cookie Walk will be held on December 3rd. Chairmen for this project are still needed. The Cookie Walk is one of two main fundraisers that our church sponsors. So mark the date on your calendar and start thinking of what you can bring for the cookie walk. If you would like to help chair this project, please contact Barb Shoen.

The annual Thank Offering service will be held on Sunday, November 13th. Food items and monetary donations will be collected as usual. There will not be a special speaker. The service will still involve WELCA women helping out at various times during the service.



The Heat Fund Goal has been met!
We reached \$46,750.00.
Thank you to all who contributed to Trinity’s new furnace



Please check the coat rack and the kitchen for items that have been left behind here at the church. There are several coats left on the coat rack and a few dishes and bowls left for different events in the kitchen!



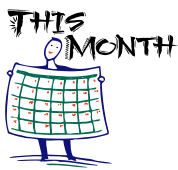
UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway-\$73,803.87

Hy-Vee-\$24,227.13

Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count)

Keep those receipts coming!!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Worship Schedule</u></p> <p>Worship 8:45 AM</p> <p>TRINITY</p> <p>Sun school 10:00 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>Wednesday: 8:30-2:30 pm</p> <p>Thursday: 10:30-2:00 pm (call on Thurs.)</p>		<p>1 9 am Open Bible Study/Lois /Circle at Truman Café</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 <u>Communion</u></p>	<p>5</p>  <p>LABOR DAY</p> <p>Church office is closed</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</p>	<p>7 <i>Confirmation Class</i></p>  <p>Confirmation parent/student mtg. 6:30 pm at Truman</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>  <p>RALLY DAY</p>	<p>12 1:30 pm Martha at Cathy S.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7 pm Church Council Mtg. at Truman</p>	<p>15 2 pm B-day Party at LMH</p>	<p>16 Newsletter DEADLINE!</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>  <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Autumn Begins</p>  <p>10 am Center 4 Specialty Care Seminar at the church</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Pastor's Fall</p>	<p>26 Theological</p>	<p>27 Conference</p>	<p>28 9:00 A.M. Messenger Assembly</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><u>Upcoming Events</u></p> <p>POLKA SERVICE on OCTOBER 2nd At 10:00 a.m.</p>

NEWS

From Our Parish

Grayson Reid Werner

was baptized on July 17th, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran by Pastor Krista Strum. His parents are Logan & Melissa Werner. Grayson's sponsors are Wayne & Shelly Walstead. He was born on June 23rd at United Hospital -Blue Earth, MN. His two older brothers are Liam (2 yrs) and Carter (6 yrs).



THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS

To all the parishioners of Trinity Lutheran,

The bouquet of flowers was beautiful and meant so much to all of us at St. Katherine's at our celebration. Your thoughts and prayers for us have also meant so much at this time. God's blessings to all of you.

Tom & Brenda Zehnder and all at St. Katherine's



With Sympathy

Deepest Sympathy to Joyce Jorgenson on the death of her sister, June Gimse who died July 18th in Willmar, MN.

Our Sympathy to Dallas Wegner and family on the death of his sister, Sandra Hinderschied who passed away at the end of June.



We wish to thank all those who sent cards and memorials in memory of Doyle's brother, Merle.

~Doyle & Arlene Peterson



Prayers

*We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound: **Bea Behrens, Lisa Carlson & family, Oakley Selnes, Danny Lang, and Deloris Strehlo.... Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.***



"Anything about leash laws?"

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			<p>BE RICH in GOOD WORKS. 1 TIMOTHY 6:18</p>	1	2	3 Ricky Davis
4	5 Marlys Ehlert LABOR DAY	6 Tammy Wokasch	7 Jackson Maloney Deloris Strehlo	8	9 Marcy Pettersen	10
11 Dan Smith PATRIOT DAY	12	13	14	15 Deb Nickerson Jan Wiederhoeft	16 Margaret Durkee	17
18 Linnea Huss	19 Geno Butler	20 Zachary Hansen Aubree Heenan	21 Jordan Selnes	22 AUGUST 11	23	24 Jan Warrington
25 Ava Taylor	26	27 JoAnn Quade	28 Mary Lehr (90 years) David & Teresa Zupfer (25 years)	29 Rhonda Bonk Barry Pettersen	30 AUGUST 11	



Youth Mission Trip Moments



Bible Quiz



Which of the following sports does Paul use metaphorically to describe the Christian life?



- A. Fishing
- B. Running a race



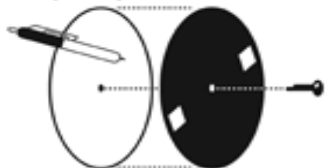
- C. Boxing
- D. Both B and C
- E. All of the above

Answer: D (See 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.)



PROMISE WHEEL

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.



What you need:

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

What you do:

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.

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THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.

Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17. 47-62, 62-77. 22-21, 21-20. 50-51. 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20. 24-38, 38-53. 24-40, 40-55. 17-32. 47-48. 32-47. 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86. 56-57, 57-58. 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83. 55-70, 70-85. 58-43. 57-73, 73-88. 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.

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>> "So do not __ __ __ __, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV <<

Answer: fear

Christian Symbol+



Ship

The Christian church has long been symbolized by a ship. While the Old Testament tells of Noah's ark preserving righteous people during the flood, the New Testament recounts Jesus calming the storm that battered the disciples' fishing boat. St. Ambrose described the church as a ship with the cross as its mast, and others have compared salvation to being drawn out of the sea of death into the safety of the church (ship). Indeed, many large churches are constructed to represent a big boat, with the main worship space called the nave — Latin for ship.



THE MESSENGER

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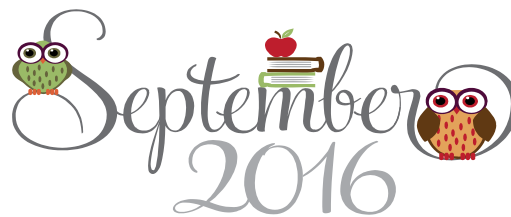
September 2016

God's Blessings to:



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

—Nelson Mandela



Worship SCHEDULE

TRINITY WORSHIP-8:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL-10:00 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

Wednesday—8:30-2:30 pm
Thursday—10:30—2:00 pm
(On Thursday's pastor is in & out of the office, please call her cell)

~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~