

THE MESSENGER

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



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I recently read “Bearing Witness: Put Your Body Where Love Is Needed” by Kristin Johnston Largen in the Spring edition (2026) of Living Lutheran magazine. She begins, “What is a Lutheran witness, and how

can we best bear this witness in these times? I’d like to give a summary of her answer, because it’s the best written answer that I have ever heard.

The Lutheran understanding of the good news of Jesus Christ:

- Everyone is a beloved child of God whom Christ came to save, for whom Christ died on the cross
- No exceptions
- No one gets to choose who is deserving of God’s love
- No one is left out or left behind
- God’s radical, overflowing, unstoppable grace washes over and embraces the whole world
- God’s love is not a reward for doing the right thing
- It is completely free and an unearned gift of God’s grace in Jesus Christ
- God welcomes all into God’s family, no exceptions

Ms. Largen’s article opened my eyes to see a different view of Christian witness. I have and will continue to preach that our role as Christians takes place outside of the walls of our church building and beyond the members of our congregations, but I have often wondered if we, as Lutherans, know how to do this. We were not raised to be evangelists.

We have not always been given the words or the ways to tell about our faith and invite others to believe in Christ. This obvious and vocal witness is not part of our Lutheran culture or our Lutheran DNA.

What is part of our Lutheran culture is outreach. Lutherans have always trained and sent missionaries to countries where Christianity is non-existent. We have set up schools, helped build dams and wells, taught farmers more sustainable ways of farming. In our own country, we have taught our children the truth of the Gospel, begun food shelves, supported homeless ministries, brought relief during times of natural disasters, and stepped up wherever there is a need. This is the great work of being part of a synod and a national body like the ELCA.

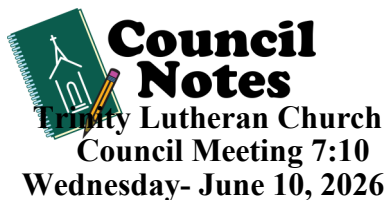
But what can we do as individuals? Some of us have been part of similar ministries in our local communities. We show God’s love through our actions. But it may be time to also show God’s love through our words. We need to declare that God already loves everyone instead of having arguments about who is in and who is out. We need to live recognizing that even people who are not Christian are still beloved children of God. That is not a title reserved just for those of us who attend worship. We need to proclaim that we believe in a God who is not about punishment and vengeance but has always been about love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness and then we need to remember to live in the same manner. Everyone you meet is a beloved child of God and needs to hear that Good News. This is the message that will change the world for the better. Amen.

Pastor Eunice Woodberry

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President:: Nikki Smith
Vice President: Laurie Wille
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith
Christian Ed: Ashley Parish
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee
Lay Ministry: Donna Kotewa



Member Present: Kathy Wilkening, Ashley Parish, Yvonne Noorlun, Nikki Smith, Mark Durkee and Margaret Durkee.

Secretary Report Kathy Wilkening - Yvonne motioned to accept as read and Margaret second.

Treasures Report Nikki Smith - The income for 2026 is down from the budget by \$8,598. The checking account has \$51,000 and savings has \$68,000 plus CD \$26,052.

Pastors Report Pastor Eunice had visitation 10 shut-ins with communion and 1 return visit. Visited with congregational members and will add them to the monthly visit list. Two visits were by phone. May 24 - outdoor worship went well and June 14 will be our next outdoor service. Planning a special USA 250th anniversary service for July 5 to be held outdoors.

Planning to have outdoor worship in August and September as well.

Stewardship Margaret Durkee - None

Lay/Ministry Confirmation and graduation open house went well

Church Properties Mark Durkee - The back kitchen door lock is not working properly. Mark will order a new one. The new lock will have the same code for entry as the old lock. Yvonne motioned for Mark to purchase a new lock and door handle and Margaret seconded.

Mark will get a crew of workers to trim the bushes around the church and spray weeds in the rocks. Brenda has some water damage in the office when it rains really hard. Water softener salt has been added.

GIFT Ashley Parish - GIFT Talent Show and meal afterwards went well.

The Rummage sale over Truman Days will be Thursday July 23 and Friday July 24.

Please put items in the Sunday School room after the Salad Luncheon with prices.

VBS will be in July

Youth Ashley Parish - Activities are planned and dates TBD.

Worship Yvonne - Need Pulpit Supply for July 19th.

Old Business: Yvonne motioned that the money from the "Give Back" program from

Profinium Bank for \$1168 should go to a new keyboard plus a plug-in microphone for Tanner. If more money is needed to be taken from Gifts and Memorial Fund.

New Business:

The button on the microphone in the pulpit is very small. Maybe the ushers should turn on the microphone before services start. WELCA will be delivering food to Bravo Zulu after the Salad Luncheon. Vacuuming is a very hard job. Will check into getting a Roomba or 2 for the church. Ashley motioned to do some research and or to purchase a Roomba and Mark second.

Kathy Wilkening asked the council if she could teach a beginning quilting class at Trinity in October through the Community Ed program at school. The council said OK.

Submitted by Secretary
Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of May 31, 2026

Checking Account Bal.	\$51,441
Savings Account Bal.	\$68,894

MAY:	
General Fund Income	\$ 6413
General Fund Expenses	\$ 8009
Net short	\$ -1596

JUNE:	
Cash Available	\$ 51,441
Bills to pay	\$ 7,216
Cash long	\$44,225

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER/YOUTH DIRECTOR

SCRIPTURE READINGS –July—August

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
July 5-Pentecost 6 (Outdoor Worship)	Zech (:9-12	145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matt 11:16-19, 25-30
July 12-Pentecost 7	Isaiah 55:10-13	65:[1-8] 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matt 13:1-9, 18-23
July 19-Pentecost 8	Isaiah 44:6-8	86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
July 26-Pentecost 9	1 Kings 3:5-12	119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matt 13:31-33, 44-52
Aug 2-Pentecost 10	Isaiah 55:1-5	145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matt 14:13-21
Aug 9-Pentecost 11	1 Kings 19:9-18	85:8-13	Romans 10:1-15	Matt 14:22-33
Aug 16-Pent 12	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	67	Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matt 15:[10-20] 21-28
Aug 23-Pent 13	Isaiah 51:1-6	138	Romans 12:1-8	Matt 16:13-20
Aug 30-Pent 14	Jer 15:15-21	26:1-8	Romans 9-21	Matt 16:21-28



Youth Director Newsletter for July and August 2026

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who reached out as we experienced an unexpected death in the family. I was blown away by the support that we received. I am once again reminded of how lucky we are to be part of such a close church family. Thank you so much!!

We are planning on doing another rummage sale at Trinity over Truman Days. The dates will be Thursday, July 23rd and Friday, July 24th. You can start bringing items to the church and putting them in the classroom or in the back room. We will be selling snacks as well. If anyone would like to donate bars or cookies, it would be greatly appreciated! All proceeds from the rummage sale and bake sale go towards our GIFT program!



Events:

July 23rd and July 24th GIFT Rummage Sale 9am-5pm



VBS: July 28th-July 30th 2pm-5pm

Youth Campout: I will be sending a message to the youth group about the campout when dates are to be determined.



Some of the Youth Group made bouquets and delivered flowers to some members of the community on June 23rd. (L-R) Addy Urban, Mariel Parish, Gabby Greier and Collyn Vogel

Ashley Parish-Youth Director

LAWN CARE TEAM FOR JULY

Jun 28-Jul 4—Dennis & Pam R.
 July 5-11—Monty Selnes
 July 12-18—Vern Quade
 July 19-25—Chris Mosloski
 July 26-Aug 1—Wayne & Nicole



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<p>SUMMER OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>Mon-7-11 Wed-7-11 Fri-7-11</p>	<p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>Worship Service at 10:00 am Live streamed on our FB</p>	<p>Acolytes for July</p> <p>7/5-Sophia C & Zach S. 7/12-volunteer 7/19-Grayson & Liam 7/26-Jackson Hastad</p>		<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>Deadline for bulletin announcements</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Communion</p> <p>Outdoor Worship Patriotic Theme</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 pm Church Council mtg.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Communion</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Keegan Hastad Lay Minister</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>GIFT Rummage Sale</p> <p>9-5 pm both Thurs & Friday</p>	<p>24 TRUMAN</p>	<p>25 DAYS</p> <p>Trinity's Waffle Breakfast 7:30-10:30</p>
<p>26 Communion</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL July 28-30 @ 2-5 pm</p>		<p>30 <u>July Ushers</u></p> <p>Mike Wiederhoeft and Gary Wessling</p>	<p>31 <u>Comm Servers</u></p> <p>5-Margaret D 12-Mark D. 26-Jan R.</p>	<p><u>Lay Readers</u></p> <p>5-Tim L 12-Joseph B 19-Margaret 26-Carson H</p>

LAWN CARE TEAM FOR AUGUST

July 26-Aug 1—Wayne & Nicole
 Aug 2-8—Gary Meyer
 Aug 9-15—Chris Mosloski
 Aug 16-22-Mark Durkee
 Aug 23—29-Brian Nickerson



September 2026						
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27	28	28	30			

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2 Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8
Outdoor Worship on the Patio						
9 Communion	10	11	12	13	14	15
		9:30 WELCA Meeting	7 pm Church Council mtg.			
16 Communion	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Newsletter 				
23 Pastor Heather Culuris will preach (she is from SWMN Synod)	24	25	26	27	28	29
	 <p>GO. SERVE. LOVE. REPEAT.</p>					
30 Pastor Rebecca	31			<p>August Ushers</p> <p>Dave Sorenson & Jerome Wille</p>	<p>Aug. Comm Servers</p> <p>2-Donna K 9-Mark D 16-Linda M</p>	<p>Lay Readers</p> <p>2-Laurie W 9-Donna K 16-Jan R 23-Dave S 30-Keegan H</p>
						



WELCA News

The Annual Salad Luncheon was June 24. You can still send a monetary gift if you were not able to contribute food items. If you are not on-line, please give Sandy Meyer a call at 612-518-3071. Thank you Sandy for coordinating this event.

WELCA decided to make school kits for the service project this year. These are the items that have been specifically selected according to the Lutheran World Relief recommendations.

- 4 Wide Ruled Notebooks
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Scissors
- 5 Pencils
- 4 Rubber Bands
- 1 Box of Crayons
- 5 Pens
- 1 Pink Pearl Eraser
- 1 Draw String Canvas Bag

We have a donation of 11 scissors and 9 pink erasers already. Thank You.

The Rummage Sale will be accepting items after the Salad Luncheon. Please put items in the Sunday School room with prices. No clothing please. The Youth will be selling lemonade and treats during the rummage sale. If anyone would like to bake some treats for the rummage sale to help the youth it would be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to sign up for the Dads Belgium Waffle Breakfast for Truman Days on Saturday, July 25. Contact Kathy Wilkening for opportunities to serve.

The next WELCA meeting will be August 11 at 9:30 right after Tuesday Coffee hour.

The Salad luncheon was success. 125 served, 7 carry outs. \$1250 thus far still hoping for more \$ donations from those who have not donated yet. Thank you to all who contributed time and food. Special thanks to our youth Colin, Gabby and Mariel.



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$102,517.45

Hy-Vee-\$82,050.89

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



The GIFT team will be having a Rummage Sale during Truman Days-Thursday

July 23, from 9 am—5 pm. and Friday, July 24 at 9 am—5 pm. If you have items to donate or any questions, contact Ashley at 507-829-9741.

Also, they are planning on selling bars and cookies again at the Rummage Sale, if you would like to donate baked goods, they would be much appreciated. All proceeds go to the GIFT program.

VacATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
July 28-30 @ 2-5 pm



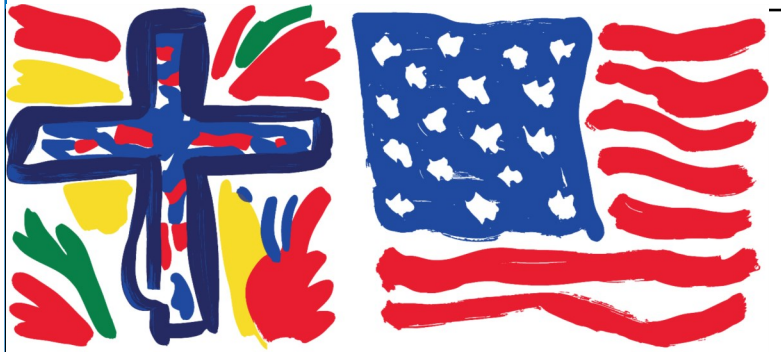
Thank you for all the support and the great quilt. Thanks to all the members who gave me gifts.

~Gavin Kester

THANK YOU!! To the Profinium Bank for their "Give Back Program". They gifted us \$1,168. In which we were able to



purchase a new keyboard and sound system for our outdoor services.



GOD BLESS AMERICA
Celebrating Semiquincetennial
Outdoor Worship
JULY 5TH, 2026
10 AM On the Patio



Our sympathy to Pastor Rebecca Sullivan & family at the death of her father, Pastor Earl Peterson who passed away on June 23rd in Mapleton MN. His funeral was held on Saturday, June 27th at Calvary Lutheran Church in Mankato.

Cards can reach Pastor Rebecca Sullivan at:
109 Falcon Drive
Mankato, MN 56001



Prayers

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

Jerry Teig, Norman & Marilyn Anderson, Linnea Huss, Doris Fedder and Pastor Rebecca and family.




Remember to...

Give Online



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Brenda's 24th year at the church	1 Dave & Pat Baarson (54 years)	2 Barb Shoen (94)	3	4  Linda Carlson
5 Jesse Lang	6	7	8 Mike Heckman	9 	10 Dale Wiederhoeft	11
12	13 Steve Graham	14	15	16	17	18
19 Jaiden Cook Lauren Flohrs	20 Logan & Melissa Werner (13 years)	21 Vicky Schwanz Melissa Werner	22 Ron Kelley	23 Terresa Davis	24 Thomas Kotewa Pam Rode	25 Jeff Maloney
26	27	28 Larry Miller Gage Moon	29 David Michalke Vern & JoAnn Quade (49 years)	30 Karsan Davis Tammy Selnes	31	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 <i>He restores my soul.</i> <small>Psalm 23:3</small>				1 Joyce Ysker (84 years)
2 David & Cathy Sorenson (56 years) 	3 Monty Selnes	4 Derek Mohwinkel	5 Elisabeth Carlson Mike & Rhonda Bonk (36 years) Rick & Terresa Davis (28 yrs)	6 	7 Mike Taylor Brenda Hansen	8 Sarah Rolling
9	10 Peter Shoen Margaret & Mark Durkee (41 years)	11 Amy Pettersen	12	13	14	15 Norah Rolling
16	17	18 Chad Hastad Nikki Smith	19	20 Tom & Karen Kneeland (43 years)	21	22
23	24 Luke Hinton	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

DAD'S BELGIAN
WAFFLE BREAKFAST



TRUMAN DAYS

Saturday, July 25, 2026

7:30—10:30 a.m.

Truman Community Building

ALL YOU CAN EAT

ADULTS \$10.00 - 5 yrs and under FREE

Take outs available

Dine in Air-Conditioned Comfort

Sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church

Truman, MN

Trinity Members—please sign up to help with the Waffle Breakfast. A Sign up sheet is posted at the church.

You can also call Kathy Wilkening at 701-440-8656 or the church office at 507-776-4781. We need everyone's help to make this fundraiser for Trinity a success!!

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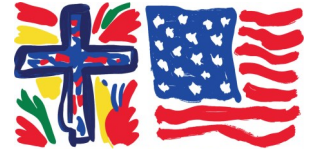
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Scan code to Give!

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