

# THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



## From the Editor

Greetings to you, Trinity brothers  
and sisters in Christ!

I am writing this article since we are in the  
“in-between” state of having a pastor/leader.

The Call Committee is working really hard on  
different options for potential leadership.

In the mean-time, I found an article on summer  
campouts, fire and love to share with you

### Fire transforming us for the good

For many people, relaxing by a campfire is a  
favorite summer activity. Nestling into the  
surrounding darkness while gazing into dancing  
flames, we sense God’s love and let the day’s  
chaos go.

In contrast, Exodus 24:17 describes, “Now the  
appearance of the glory of God was like a de-  
vouring fire.”

Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes offers another  
take, writing about God using flames to change  
us. The full poem is here:

[unfoldinglight.net/2025/02/24/fire](http://unfoldinglight.net/2025/02/24/fire)

God, your presence is like a consuming fire —  
not destructive, but transformative,  
not the fire of anger but the flame of love,  
the fire of glassblowers and bakers  
the grace to make us more beautiful, strong and  
useful.

Your glory is no tame campfire where we sit and  
make s’mores.

It burns out of our control.

The furnace of your love roars about our hearts,  
remaking us.

Teach us to be unafraid. ...

When you bask in firelight glow — and maybe  
eat some s’mores! — ponder how God is trans-  
forming you with love, and for the sake of love.

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Messenger Editor,  
Brenda Hansen

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Nikki Smith  
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Stewardship: Margaret Durkee  
Lay Ministry: Sylvia Balk  
Worship: Yvonne Noorlun  
Youth: Caitlyn Carlson



**Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Council Meeting**  
 Wednesday– May 14, 2025  
 Call to order– 7:15 pm

**Members Present:** Kathy Wilkening Dan Klassen Nikki Smith Ashley Parish Margaret Durkee Sylvia Balk Yvonne Noorlun

Secretary's Report Kathy Wilkening - Dan motioned to accept as read and Sylvia second.

Treasurer's Report Nikki Smith - Expenses for April were higher because Pastor Carol was paid for the months April and May. Yvonne motioned to combine and move the money from the Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Lent accounts to the Organ Fund. Move the Sunday School money to GIFT. Sylvia second. Sylvia motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Yvonne second.

Stewardship Margaret Durkee-None

Lay/Ministry/Evangelism Sylvia Balk- Pastor Carol instructed 5 lay people in how to give communion to the homebound or shut-ins and carry on with outreach program. Will serve coffee and rolls for the open house at 9:00 May 18 for Abby and Carson graduation reception. Will plan an upcoming meeting to coordinate visitations.

**Omega organs have contacted Trinity about purchasing a used organ.**

Properties Mark Durkee - Spraying for weeds was done.

Christian Ed/GIFT Ashley Parish - GIFT met May 7th and May 21. A talent show will be May 21 with a supper to follow. All of the congregation is invited for the talent show at 5:30 and the meal after. April 30 the Youth gathered and brought flowers to the community for May Day.

Worship Yvonne Noorlun - Pastor Eunice Woodberry will be here in May and Pastor Rebecca will have a Hymn sing on May 25. Call committee has met and will have a formal interview with Pastor Eunice Woodberry.

## OLD BUSINESS:

The school has withdrawn request of the Day Care at Trinity for the summer months.

Omega organs have contacted Trinity about purchasing a used organ. The council will ask Tanner to look into the used organ. Yvonne motioned to look into the purchase of this used organ. Dan second.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Margaret approved Facilities Use agreement for Carson Hastad Graduation Open House at Trinity on Sunday June 8th from 3-6pm. Dan second.

Ashley and Nikki will attend the Synod Assembly on June 6 and 7th.

Sylvia motioned to renew Ashley Parish's contract for another 2 years. Margaret second.

Submitted by Secretary  
 Kathy Wilkening



## Treasurer's Summary Report As of April 30, 2025

Checking Account Bal.	\$43,396
Savings Account Bal.	\$57,526

**APRIL:**

General Fund Income	\$ 5,690
General Fund Expenses	\$11,409
Net short	\$ - 5719

**MAY:**

Cash Available	\$ 43,396
Bills to pay	\$ 7,918
Cash long	\$35,478



# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
June 1—7th Easter	Acts 16:16-34	Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
June 8-Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17[25-27]
June 15-Holy Trinity	Prov 8:1-4, 22-31	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 22-Pentecost 2	Isaiah 65:1-9	Gal 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 29-Pentecost 3	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18	John 21:15-19



### Youth Director Newsletter for June 2025

I often think about the first time that I came to Trinity. I went to a Maundy Thursday service with my neighbor Danny Lang. He introduced me to some members of the congregation. Eventually, I started helping with GIFT and attended more services. Now, here we are. I am so grateful to Danny and so grateful to the congregation for giving me this wonderful opportunity to work with so many kids and so many amazing people! Thank you!

We had another great school year at GIFT! Thank you to all of the congregation, volunteers and families who support our program!

#### NOTES:

GIFT will be done for the summer and start again in September.  
We are looking into doing a rummage sale during Truman Days.  
We are planning on doing VBS. Dates TBD.

*GIFT students gather coins from the fundraiser they held for the Truman Pool*



# WELCA NEWS/ORGAN NEWS



## WELCA News

The annual Salad Luncheon is coming up the last Wednesday in June on the 25th.

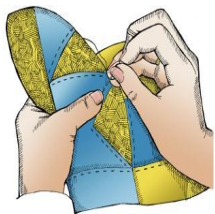
### **We are hoping for participation by all members,**

even those not attending services regularly. You can help by furnishing a salad, buying some needed items, or making a monetary donation. Help is also needed serving the meal. Sign up sheets will be at the church beginning June 1. You may also call either Sandy at 612-518-3071 or Robin at 708-439-1627. We are thankful for Robin and Sandy for once again being chairmen of the event.

Instead of school kits this year we are making personal care kits.

The needed items are:

- \*One dark colored (light or medium weight) bath towel
- \*Two bath size bars (4-5 oz.) of bath soap in original wrapping.
- \*One adult size tooth brush in original packaging.
- \*One study comb.
- \*One metal nail clippers.



If you buy all the items for one kit, please put it in a plastic bag. You may also just buy separate items. Donations can be put in the quilting room.

It was nice to see all the quilts, lap robes, and baby quilts on the church pews the Sunday we honored our high school graduates. Thanks to Kathy Wilkening for putting all of them on the pews.

~Barb Shoen



## ORGAN NEWS

Omega Organ & Audio has contacted Trinity about a used organ in his possession that he recommended as a great organ for Trinity. Tanner has lined up a trip to view the organ. The cost of organ and installation would be \$7,000.00 This is a used Rogers Organ, Manufactured in 1994. The price would include removal and disposal of the old organ & speakers, delivery & installation, placement of new speakers etc. also programming and training on the use of it.



I want to extend a great big heartfelt thank you for the words of encouragement, good health, and retirement wishes that I received from members of Trinity Lutheran Church. In addition, thank you for the beautiful/cozy quilts that both Ptr Jon and I received at the delicious pot-luck farewell dinner you hosted on Sunday, April 27th. I am grateful for our time together and send prayers of moving forward in good faith that the Holy Spirit will guide you in ministry and with skilled leadership.

~Pastor Carol (and Pastor Jon) Mapa

### **UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:**

**Fareway-\$101,397.75**

**Hy-Vee-\$81,014.32**

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

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





## LAWN MOWING IN JUNE

6/1-6/7-Mike Wiederhoeft  
 6/8-6/14-Monty Selnes  
 6/15-6/21-Gary Meyer  
 6/22-6/28-Mike Heckman



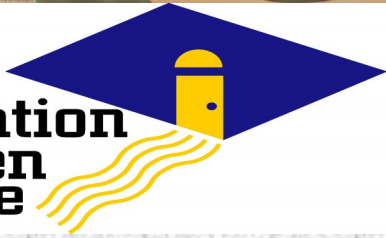
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Communion</u>  Pastor Eunice	2 <b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> <b>10:00 am Worship</b> <b>Streaming live on FB</b>	3 	4 <u>SUMMER OFFICE HOURS</u>  Mon-7-11 Wed-7-11 Fri-7-11	5	6  SWMN Synod	7  Assembly in St. Peter
8 <b>PENTECOST</b> <b>10 am Outdoor Worship</b> (weather perm) Carson Hastad Grad Open House 3-6 pm	9	10	11  7 pm Church Council mtg.	12	13	14
15 <u>Communion</u>  Pastor Rebecca Preaches <b>HAPPY Father's Day!</b>	16  <b>JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER DUE!</b>	17	18	19 	20 	21 
22  Pastor Eunice	23	24	25 Trinity's Salad Luncheon  <b>11-12:30 pm</b>	26	27	28
29  Pastor Eunice	30	<b><u>Acolytes for June</u></b> 6/1-Gabby Greier 6/8-Liam Werner 6/15-Annabelle Hegg. 6/22-Taelynn Moon 6/29-Grayson Werner		<u>June Ushers</u>  Lowell Noorlun and Logan Werner	<u>June Comm Servers</u>  6/1-Mark D. 6/15-Linda Meyer	<u>June Lay Readers</u>  6/1-LeAnn M 6/8-Carson H 6/15-Margaret 6/22-Jan R. 6/29-Dave S.

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

### Graduation Open House



Please join us in celebrating  
**Carson Hastad's Graduation**  
with a Reception on Sunday, June 8th  
from 3-6 pm.  
at Trinity Lutheran Church.



The GIFT group would like to thank those who contributed pill bottles full of change or generous checks.

The swimming pool is very important to us and we look forward to swimming and being with our friends this summer. We really appreciate your helping us out. (A total will be revealed later)

Trinity's Salad Luncheon



**SALAD LUNCHEON**

**Wednesday, June 25**

**11:00 -12:30**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Variety of salads, fruit, veggie pizza, deviled eggs, egg salad and ham salad sandwiches, bars and more!

**\$10 Adults—\$3 Kids**

Carry out available, no deliveries.



On April 27, 2025 Gabriell Greier and Taelynn Moon affirmed their baptism with Confirmation statements and laying of hands during worship.

Pictured above with them is Pastor Carol Mapa and their teacher, Laurie Sherman



What a wonderful surprise receiving flowers on May Day!  
I love flowers—Thank you!  
Trinity Youth for thinking of me.

**God Bless—JoAnn Knutson**



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

**Jerry Teig, Linnea Huss, Norman & Marilyn Anderson, Lois Lloyd's daughter-Amy, and Dan Strausser.**

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



## **CARSON HASTAD**

He is the son of Chad Hastad and Kim Hastad. Carson was born in Fairmont MN on March 22, 2007. He was baptized at Fairmont Community Hospital on March 23, 2007 and then he was welcomed to worship on May 6, 2007. He was confirmed at Trinity in 2020.

Carson's favorite activity/interest in school is playing Baseball, Basketball, and being a member of FFA. Carson's achievements in school are being honored with the EXCEL Award and the AAA Award. He is also on the A-honor roll. Carson's favorite hobbies include playing baseball, basketball and showing/working with livestock. Outside of school he is a 4-H member, and plans to work over the summer at the Schwartz farms. Carson's future plans include going to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls to major in Animal Science.

## **ABIGAIL HINTON**

She is the daughter of Louis Hinton and Maddy Hinton. She was born in Fort Meyers Florida and moved to Truman when she was five years old. Abby was baptized on Easter of 2009 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Shamokin, PA. She was confirmed at Trinity in 2022.

Abby's favorite interests/activities in school are music, art and making stained glass items. Abby's achievements are getting good grades and attending choir. Her favorite hobbies include going to the gym, listening to music, reading, drawing, and playing guitar. Outside of school Abby works at Graffiti Corner in Fairmont. Her future plans include going to Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter and having a creative career.







Scan your smart phone to GIVE!



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1 	2 Alex Ebert  <b>Don Meyer (84)</b>	3 Raquel Ebeling	4	5 <b>Lois Lloyd (85)</b> Casidy Moon Taelynn Moon  <b>Ross &amp; Jan Ringeisen (38 years)</b>	6 Derek & Jacob Zupfer	7 Maverick Scheff
8 	9 Miah Krebs	10 Caroline Werner  Maddox Selnes	11 Jordan Maloney	12 Syliva Balk  Deb Oren  Sheryl Rolling	13	14 <b>Gerald Miller (89)</b> 
15 Melissa Wokasch  <b>Cory &amp; Amy Pettersen (23 years)</b>	16	17 Johanna Kelley	18 <b>Clayton Duncanson (83)</b>	19 Kent Hyndman  Sadie Mosloski  Carlee Scheff	20 	21 Linda Meyer  Kevin Wille
22 Mason Kelley	23 Grayson Werner  Ove Oren	24 Eloise Miller	25 Mason Maloney <b>Terry &amp; Marcy Pettersen (54 years)</b>  Chris & Sarah Forbrook (3 years)	26  <b>Dan &amp; Karen Strausser (49 years)</b> 	27 Sofia Christian	28
29 	30 Teresa Zupfer					



# GIFT TALENT SHOW-2025





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Balance as  
of March 31  
**\$719.00**

## THE MESSENGER

June 2025



June 8th  
**OUTDOOR**  
Worship  
**SERVICE**

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