

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear family in Christ

In Minnesota we joke that there are two seasons - Winter and Road Construction. Like clockwork, the week after Easter, orange signs and cones sprung up. Tiny colored flags and matching spray painted lines crisscrossed streets and yards. Just this past week, I had to get out of my car and ask construction workers to move because they were blocking my driveway. As much as we grouse and complain about the inconveniences and the detours, we know that this work is necessary. In fact, we complain just as much about the poor condition of the roads, so I guess we just need to move on.

On Sunday, May 24 we celebrated Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and all those in the near vicinity. (see Acts 2) We might look at the work of the Holy Spirit as construction season. In the third article for the Apostles' Creed, Martin Luther offers this explanation of the work of the Holy Spirit:

The Third Article

I believe in the Holy Spirit .

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts,

sanctified and kept me in the true faith; just as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church. He daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins; . . .

The Holy Spirit works in each of us to construct our unique gifts to be used in our daily lives and for the glory of God. Lutherans call this vocation.

The Holy Spirit constructs the Christian Church by calling us together, giving us a mission, and reminding believers of the saving work of Jesus Christ. This is not a one and done happening. The Holy Spirit works daily creating and constructing. As with road construction the work of the Spirit may not always be welcome. In the Pentecost story in Acts 2, some of the people who overheard the disciples speaking in tongues thought the men were drunk. They scoffed at the confusion they witnessed but others heard the amazing story of God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. The same may be true as the Spirit moves us forward in our own faith and God's work through the Church.

Peace in Christ,

Pr 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
Worship: Yvonne Noorlun
Youth: Ashley Parish



Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Wednesday May 13, 2026

Member Present: Kathy Wilkening Ashley Parish Yvonne Noorlun Laurie Wille

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

Pastor Report - Visited 7 shut-ins with communion and more interest from others. Many phone calls. Prepared worship service for Confirmation and Graduation services. Attended the Watonwan River conference leaders meeting.

Lay/Ministry -Confirmation went well for Zach Schnieder. The open house for 2 graduates at 9:00 before church May 17.

Treasures Report - Ashley Parish -The year to date income

was \$25,506 and Expenses are \$32,508 with a loss of \$7,002 for 2026. Ashley motioned to accept as presented and Yvonne second.

Church Properties Clean Mohwinkel sprayed the lawn for weeds. Light fixtures need to be fixed.

Christian Ed/GIFT Ashley Parish - GIFT will meet May 6 and 20. The final GIFT will have the kids talents program again with a meal to follow. The talent show begins at 5:30 and all of the congregation is welcome to attend. The kids are so proud of their talents.

Youth Ashley Parish - Some of the youth are interested in confirmation classes. The youth may help with the salad luncheon. May activities are TBD. The youth are again planning a rummage sale at the church. Items can be dropped off at the church after the Salad Luncheon on June 24.

Worship Yvonne Noorlun - The Synod is offering Lay/Ministry classes and there is some interest from some members. Thank you to Laurie Wille and Keegan Hastad for leading worship.
 May 24 Outdoor service on the patio [weather permitting]
 May 30 Baby Shower
 May 31 Hymn sing with Pastor Rebecca ,
 June 3 Pastor Eunice's BD

June 24 Salad Luncheon

OLD BUSINESS:
 Going forward with plans to bring food to Bravo Zulu.

NEW BUSINESS:
 Yvonne motioned to accept the facilities use agreement for Nikki Smith for a Bridal Shower on Saturday June 20th. Ashley second.

Garrett from Profinium has money for the "Give Back" Program. Tabled until the next meeting.

Need pulpit supply for June 21.

Yvonne motioned to adjourn at 8:45 and Ashley second.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of April 30, 2026

Checking Account Bal.	\$52,794
Savings Account Bal.	\$68,760
APRIL:	
General Fund Income	\$ 5,922
General Fund Expenses	\$ 8,935
Net short	\$ -3013
MAY:	
Cash Available	\$52,794
Bills to pay	\$ 7,022
Cash long	\$45,772

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS – MAY

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
June 7– 2 Pentecost	Hosea 5:15—6:6	50:7-15	Rom 4:13-25	Matt 9:9-13,18-26
June 14-3 Pentecost	Exod 19:2-8a	100	Rom 5:1-8	Matt 9:35—10:8[9-23]
June 21-4 Pentecost	Jer 20:7-13	69:7-10[11-15] 16-18	Rom 6:1b-11	Matt 10:24-39
June 28-5 Pentecost	Jer 28:5-9	89:1-4, 15-18	Rom 6:12-23	Matt 10:40-42

Youth Director Newsletter for June 2026



The school year is done and summer is here! My family has a busy June. Mariel and Ryan are going on a camping trip, Callie and I will be helping my mom at her flower farm, we will be traveling to see family, celebrating an anniversary and Ryan and Callie will be taking a trip! I am reminded of how important time with family is and how important it is to take a break and reset.

I am hoping to have some youth events this summer.

The Salad Luncheon is on June 24th, if there are any youth that would like to help that would be appreciated! We also plan on doing the campout and VBS this year, dates TBD!

*We will be having a rummage sale at the church again during Truman Days on July 23rd and July 24th. If anyone has questions please let me know.



Ashley Parish,
Youth Director

*Pictured is the
GIFT Talent Show held on
Wednesday, May 20th.
Ashley Parish, Trinity's Youth
Director is on the very right*



LAWN MOWING IN JUNE

6/1-6/6 - Mike Wiederhoeft

6/7-6/13-Monty Selnes

6/14-6/20- Gary Meyer

6/21-6/27- Mike Heckman



July 2026						
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE Worship Service at 10:00 am Live streamed on our FB page	1	2	3	4	5	6
	SUMMER OFFICE HOURS Mon-7-11 Wed-7-11 Fri-7-11	Open Bible Study 9:45 	Acolytes for June June 7- Grayson W & Callie Parish June 14-Jackson H & Gage Moon June 21 -Alex Ebert & Liam Werner June 28—Sydney B & Addy Urban			June 5-6 SWMN Synod Assembly
7 Communion 	8	9	10 7 pm Church Council mtg.	11	12	13
14 Communion Outdoor Worship 	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth 	20
21 Keegan Hastad leads worship Father's Day	22	23	24 Salad Lucheon 	25	26	27
28 Communion	29	30	USHERS FOR JUNE Hastad Family	June Comm Servers 6/7-Sandy 6/14-Linda M 6/28-Yvonne	JUNE LAY READERS 6/7-LeAnn Maloney 6/14-Keegan Hastad 6/21-Sandy Meyer 6/28-Jan Ringeisen	



WELCA News

The open house for Graduation Seniors was May 17th with a very lovely breakfast. Congratulations to Addison Smith and Gavin Kester in all your future endeavors.

WELCA decided to make school kits for the service project. 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

Please give new items only.

Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.

Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Kathy W. will sew the back packs. If anyone else is interested in sewing a bag or two let her know. Last time we made 17 kits.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

The story of the Good Samaritan, the wayfarer fell among robbers and was left lying in the street, half dead. And a priest and a Levite both passed by on the other side of the road. But the Good Samaritan was moved with compassion and came to him and bound up his wounds and brought him to an inn and took care of him. Do I treat others like the priest and the Levite or like the Good Samaritan?

~Kathy Wilkening~ WELCA President



It's that time of year again TRINITY'S SALAD LUNCHEON

Next Week there will be a list posted at church for food items and workers. This year you will also receive text message with the lists and you can reply directly to Sandy Meyer at: 612-518-3071. The church lists will then be updated. The salad luncheon is a major fundraiser for WELCA and depends on everyone's contributions.

Thank you,
Sandy

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$118,776.21

Hy-Vee-\$111,192.15

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



On Sunday, June 7, we will have regular worship with a time for prayers, for healing and wholeness.

This ministry of the church is available to all Christians and focuses on healing of body, mind, and spirit. Those who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may receive the gifts of prayer and of the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil.

These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community, nor does it promise a cure. The church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

Nacel Open Door is needing a host family for Gabriela from Slovakia, Joan(boy) from France and a replacement family is needed for Guillem from Spain. For more information, please contact Julienne Antes at 507-304-2143. If a family chooses to host, Nacel Open Door will make a \$250 donation to Trinity for each student receiving a home. We need a family by June 15th.

2026 Senior Recognition



Pictured is Addison Smith, Pastor Eunice Woodberry and Kathy Wilkening. Gavin Kester was unavailable for the picture. Kathy is holding his quilt. The WELCA ladies group made quilts for the seniors.

On May 17th Trinity held a reception before and had a recognition ceremony during worship services for our HS Seniors. (See page number 9 in this issue for more information on our seniors)



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, and Doris Fedder.

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

Remember to...
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1 	2 Alex Ebert Don Meyer (85)	3 Raquel Ebeling Pastor Eunice Birthday	4 	5 Casidy Moon Taelynn Moon Ross & Jan Ringeisen (39 years)	6	
7 Maverick Scheff	8	9 Miah Krebs	10 Caroline Werner Maddox Selnes	11 Jordan Maloney	12 Sylvia Balk Deb Oren Sheryl Rolling	13
14 Gerald Miller	15 Melissa Wokasch Cory & Amy Pettersen (24 years)	16	17 Johanna Kelley	18	19 Kent Hyndman Sadie Mosloski Carlee Scheff	20
21 Linda Meyer Kevin Wille	22	23 Grayson Werner Ove Oren	24 Eloise Miller	25 Mason Maloney Terry & Marcy Pettersen (55 years) Chris & Sarah Forbrook (4 years)	26 Dan & Karen Strausser (50 years) 	27 Sofia Christian
28	29	30 Terasas Zupfer				



SALAD LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

11:00 TO 12:30

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRUMAN, MN

**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.



TRINITY LUTHERAN – Class of 2026



GAVIN DAVID KESTER

He is the son of Paula & Mike Heckman and Casey & Tosha Kester. Gavin was born in Mankato MN on May 17, 2008. He was baptized at Trinity Lutheran on September 21, 2008. He has lived in Truman his whole life.

Gavin's favorite activity/interest in school is playing Golf, and also has been playing Hockey since he was 4 years old. Gavin's favorite hobbies include playing hockey and going golfing. Outside of school he has worked for Heckman Lawncare for many years. Gavin's future plans include attending Ridgewater College in Willmar, MN for Law Enforcement.

ADDISON NIKOLE SMITH

She is the daughter of Dan & Nikki Smith. She was born in Fairmont MN., and has lived by Lewisville in the suburbs her whole life. She was baptized at East Sveadahl Lutheran Church in St. James, MN., and was confirmed here at Trinity in 2022.

Addison's favorite interests/activities in school are being a member of FFA and playing softball. Her favorite hobbies include caring for her animals, playing softball, and taking naps. Outside of school Addison works at Hy-Vee in Fairmont. Her future plans include going to Iowa State University for Wildlife Ecology & Animal Science.



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