

# THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



## From the Editor

Dear family & friends,

Fall is just right around the corner. We are looking forward to the relief of the very hot weather and the autumn smell in the air. I found an article on “*Seasons of Change, Signs of Grace*”

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of God’s faithful hand over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—are part of God’s ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines—

school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God’s steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease—even as the world around us shifts.

## A Prayer for Autumn’s Arrival

Lord of all seasons,  
As the leaves change and the days grow cooler,  
help me embrace the rhythm of your creation.  
Teach me to let go of what I no longer need  
and to trust your timing in every part of life.  
Thank you for the beauty of autumn—  
for crisp mornings, golden trees, and the promise of harvest.  
May this season deepen my gratitude,  
renew my spirit,  
and draw me closer to your heart.

In Jesus’ name,  
Amen.

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Messenger Editor  
~Brenda Hansen~



# COUNCIL MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Josh Tonkin  
Vice President: Dan Klassen  
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening  
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee  
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee  
Lay Ministry: Sylvia Balk  
Worship: Cathy Sorenson  
Youth: Ashley Parish



**Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Council Meeting,  
 Wednesday, July 9, 2025**

Secretary's Report - was accepted with correction of July Rummage sale not June.

Treasures Report - Expenses were \$468.07 more than the income.

Stewardship - None

LayMinistry/Evangelism - would like to thank all the Lay people for continuing the lay ministry and cards.

Properties - Continue to work on getting help to move the old organ from the loft and the new organ up. Mowing every week and spraying the weeds in the rocks.

Christian Ed/GIFT - Ashley Parish - Rummage Sale during Truman Days will be July 24 and 25th. Items can be dropped off at the church anytime. If anyone would like to help or to donate baked goodies like would be greatly appreciated. The youth will be serving the goodies. All proceeds will go to the GIFT program. VBS will

be July 29 to July 31 from 2 to 5. Dan and Nikki Smith have donated a pig to sell tickets for a meat raffle during Truman Days. The meat will be processed and there will be four winners.

Tickets are available from Ashley Parish or Nikki Smith. The GIFT program will be the Grand Marshalls this year for the parade. Anyone interested in being in the parade should contact Ashley. The theme will be "Jesus is Everywhere"

Youth helped with the Salad Luncheon. The youth on August 23 will have a campout and August 31 will be a concert at Sioux Falls, Life Light.

Worship -Yvonne and Kathy W met and talked over Waffle breakfast duties. Call Committee met and are talking and making a plan for Pastor Eunice. Keegan Hastad will preach on July 13 and 27. Plus August 3 and 10.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussed microphone/headset problems the last few Sundays. Yvonne motioned that Dan Klasson will look into purchasing a lapel speaker set for pastors and Sylvia second.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Profinium Bank has donated \$1,239 to Trinity. It was decided to have the money go for the new head/lapel set for our pastor. Tabled the Community Chest request for now.

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Council Meeting  
 Wednesday, August 9, 2025**

Call Committee: Members- Eloise Miller, Sandy Meyer, Robin Miller Dave Sorenson, Yvonne Noorlun

Call Committee: Update to the council about going forward with a new pastor.

Secretary report accepted as read.

Treasure report Nikki Smith The money for the new organ was taken from the savings account. Income for July was down.

Stewardship None

Lay/Ministry/Evangelism None

Church Properties Spraying around the building. Fixed the south door.

Christian ED/GIFT Truman Days rummage sale made \$1,100 for the GIFT program. Thank you for all the donations and to the volunteers who helped. GIFT program was the Grand Marshall for the Truman Days parade. July 29-31 was VBS with 19 -21 youth. The last day of VBS they went to the nursing home and sang and made cross necklaces. Pork raffle will draw 4 names on August 15 with all proceeds to go to the GIFT program. August 23 will be Youth Campout. Youth plan to go to the Life Light Festival in Sioux Falls on August 31. *(continued on page 8)*



## Treasurer's Summary Report As of July 31, 2025

Checking Account Bal.	\$43,730
Savings Account Bal.	\$55,909

<b>JULY:</b>	
General Fund Income	\$ 4783
General Fund Expenses	\$ 6293
Net short	\$ -1510

<b>AUGUST:</b>	
Cash Available	\$ 43,730
Bills to pay	\$ 8,201
Cash long	\$35,529

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS – SEPTEMBER

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sept. 7-Pent 13 (Youth led service)	Deut. 30:15-20	1	Philemon 1:21	Luke 14:25-33
Sept. 14-Pent 14	Exod. 32:7-14	51:1-10	1 Tim 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 21-Pent 15	Amos 8:4-7	113	1 Tim 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Sept. 28-Pent 16	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	146	1 Tim 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31



## Youth Director Newsletter for September 2025

I hope everyone had a nice summer! My family had a trip to California, my parents had their 40th anniversary party, and we spent many hours at either a softball field or an ice rink. We had a successful rummage sale and meat raffle for the GIFT program, kids and volunteers of GIFT were the Grand Marshals for the Truman Days parade and we had a great turnout for VBS! It was a busy summer and I am so incredibly grateful for it!

September 7th we are having a youth led service at Truman Senior Living at 10am. I am hoping that some GIFT and Youth kids can come and help lead some songs. The Congregation is invited to attend the worship service.

GIFT will be starting up again! Mark your calendars for the first GIFT on September 17th!

A reminder that GIFT will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month during the school year, unless there is no school. GIFT registration is open and you can register by calling/texting Ashley at 507-829-9741. Registration sheets will also be sent home during the first week of school. Thank you!

### EVENTS:

September 7th- 10am Youth led Worship Service at Truman Senior Living.

September 17th- 2:15pm-5:30pm - First GIFT of the school year!!!

*Ashley Parish- Youth Director*

# LAWN CARE TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 1-6—Mike Wiederhoeft

Sept 7-13—Vern Quade

Sept 14-20—Monty Selnes

Sept 21-27—Mark Durkee

Sept 28-Oct 4—Dennis & Pam R



October 2025

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<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> <b>Worship Service at 10:00 am</b> <b>Live streamed on our FB page</b>	1  Office closed	2 9:45 Open Bible Study 	3	4	5	6
				<b>Acolytes for September</b> 9/7-Taelynn & Gage Moon 9/14-Jackson Hastad 9/21-Gabriell Greier and Callie Parish 9/28-Sydney Brudellie and Alex Ebert		
7 <u>God's Work, Our Hands</u>  Youth Led Service at the Truman nursing home -Congregation is invited to attend <b>No service at church</b>	8  Church office closed	9	10  7 pm Church Council mtg.	11 	12	13
14 <u>Communion</u>	15	16	17 <b>GIFT school begins 2:15—5:30</b>	18 Newsletter 	19 	20
21 <u>Communion</u>  Congregational meeting about hiring Pastor Eunice Woodberry	22 	23	24	25	26	27
28 	29	30	<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</b> Mon-8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8-11	<u>Lay Readers</u> 9/7-Allison K 9/14-Dan K 9/21-Donna K 9/28-Laurie Wille	<u>Sept. Ushers</u> Gary Wessling & Louis Hinton	<u>Sept. Comm Servers</u> 9/7-Dan K 9/21-Yvonne Noorlun





## WELCA News

There is a basket on a table in the narthex where you can put your donations for the personal care kits. Still needed are dark colored bath towels about 52 x 27, bath soap, sturdy combs, and metal nail clippers. We do not need any more toothbrushes. We added money to the list which will be used to buy missing items. The deadline is November 1.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the salad luncheon a success. The profit was \$1,348.09. Part of the profit will be used to improve the speaker system.

Sandy and Linda Meyer have delivered the 17 lap robes to Bravo Zulu House. Joyce Ysker brought some of our quilts and lap robes to the nursing home in Truman. We will continue to make both quilts and lap robes in 2026.

The next WELCA meeting is in November. All women of Trinity are welcome to attend the meetings.

~Barb Shoen

## SALAD LUNCHEON RESULTS

- ◇ We served 89 and had 7 to go.
- ◇ 26 members donated salads and food
- ◇ 21 members donated cash
- ◇ We earned \$1,540.00 total

Thank you to all who donated and helped. Special thank you to our youth (Muriel, Callie, Dom, Alaina, Gabby & Collin) who helped with beverages and bussed tables. We received many compliments on our polite group of youth. Great job Ashley. Special thank you to Aardvarks and Casey's for the donation of ice.



Sandy & Linda Meyer delivering the 17 lap robes to Bravo Zulu House.

## UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



**Fareway-\$104,978.11**

**Hy-Vee-\$88,860.02**

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

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

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

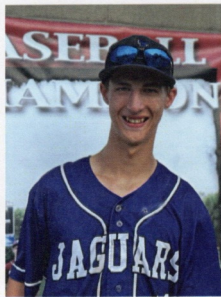
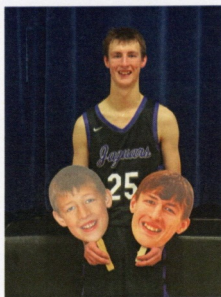
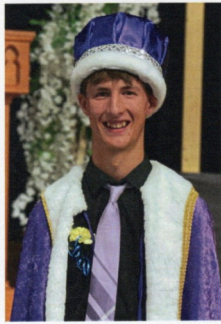
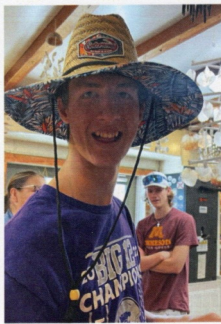


Our sympathy to the Don (Sandy) & Gary (Linda) Meyer families at

the death of their brother, Delvin from Mankato, MN. He passed away on Saturday, July 26th. The funeral service was held August 2nd at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato.

**Jerry Teig has a new address:**

The Glenn Hopkins  
901 Feltl Court, Apt# 202  
Hopkins, MN 55343



Thank you for celebrating my graduation with me. I am lucky to have such wonderful friends and family like you. My plans next year are to attend the University of Wisconsin - River Falls for Animal Science.

*Carlson [Signature]*

## Call Committee Update

The Call Committee with Council and Synod approval, made an offer to Pastor Eunice Woodberry to become our Part-time pastor here at Trinity Lutheran. **We will be having a Congregational meeting on Sunday, September 21, 2025 to discuss her employment at the church.**

### WAFFLE BREAKFAST TOTALS

Dad's expense	\$1,364.00
Fareway items	\$ 141.30
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
Expense	\$1,855.30
Profit from Breakfast	\$3,406.00 minus expense
<b>TOTAL PROFIT</b>	<b>\$1604.70</b>
(277 regular plates), (33 carry-outs) (22 kids)	



### Congratulations to the winners of the Pork Raffle

Sandy Meyer,  
Gary Wassman,  
Laurie Sherman and  
Natalie Splinter



*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, Lois Lloyd's daughter- Amy, and Dan Strausser.**



Remember to...

**Give  
Online**



**SEPTEMBER**  
*birthdays & anniversaries*



*We love our church!*

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

	1  <b>Steve &amp; Vanessa Graham (41 years)</b>	2	3 Rick Davis	4 <b>Duke &amp; Carolyn Drevlow (32 years)</b>	5	6 Tammy Wokasch
7 Jackson Maloney 	8	9 Marcy Pettersen <b>Teresa &amp; Jeff Hall (2 years)</b>	10	11 Kashia Moon Dan Smith PATRIOT DAY 	12	13 Felix Forbrook
14 Cameron Forbrook	15 Deb Nickerson Janice Wiederhoeft <b>Jeff &amp; LeAnn Maloney (41 years)</b>	16 Margaret Durkee <b>Jim &amp; Brenda Hansen (32 years)</b>	17	18 Linnea Huss	19	20 Aubree Heenan
21 Landon Schnieder Jordan Selnes	22 	23	24 <b>Jan Warrinton (87 years)</b> 	25	26 <b>Josh &amp; Heather Tonkin (10 years)</b> <b>Tim &amp; Mindy Cook (27 years)</b>	27 JoAnn Quade <b>Mitchell &amp; Carlee Scheff (5 years)</b>
28 <b>David &amp; Teresa Zupfer (34 years)</b>	29	30 				

Worship Possibility of working with GIFT and Crest on a new Pen Pal program. Pastor Eunice will preach Aug. 17, 24, and 31. September 7 will be a youth led Service at the nursing home.

All members of the congregation are welcome at the nursing home. WELCA will pay for the new microphone at the pulpit and new microphone for the pastor. Thankoffering Sunday is November 9 with food gifts to be given to the Truman Food Shelf at school.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Dan will contact Bruce about hooking up the new microphone and looking into the speakers that are not working on the west side of the church.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Waffle Breakfast made \$1706. The number served has been declining over the years. So, Kathy W. will look into more free advertising for next year to see if we can get more people to come to the breakfast.

The Organ Fund will continue until the end of the year.

Thank you to Mark Durkee who coordinated all the people involved in getting the old organ down and the new organ up. The new organ sounds great. Thank you Tanner.

Dan motioned to adjourn at 9:15 and Sylvia second.

Submitted by Secretary  
Kathy Wilkening

**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is on Sunday, September 7th at 10 am. The Youth are leading the Worship at the Truman Nursing Home. Congregational members are invited to attend! There will be NO Worship service at the church.**



*Our Organist, Tanner Mammenga with our new addition, a used/updated Rogers Organ.*



Thank you to Profinium Bank in Truman for their "Non-profit Give Back Program". Our church received a check for \$1,239. The monies went to our organ moving and replacement costs. (Pictured above is Garrett Schock handing Tanner the check)



# Summer Highlights





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**GIFT**



**Growing in Faith Together**

**GIFT CLASSES BEGIN  
ON SEPTEMBER 17TH  
2:15—5:30 PM**



Scan code to Give!



**BALANCE  
\$7,123.00 as  
of July 31st**

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**September 2025**

**God's work. Our hands.**

September 7, 2025

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