

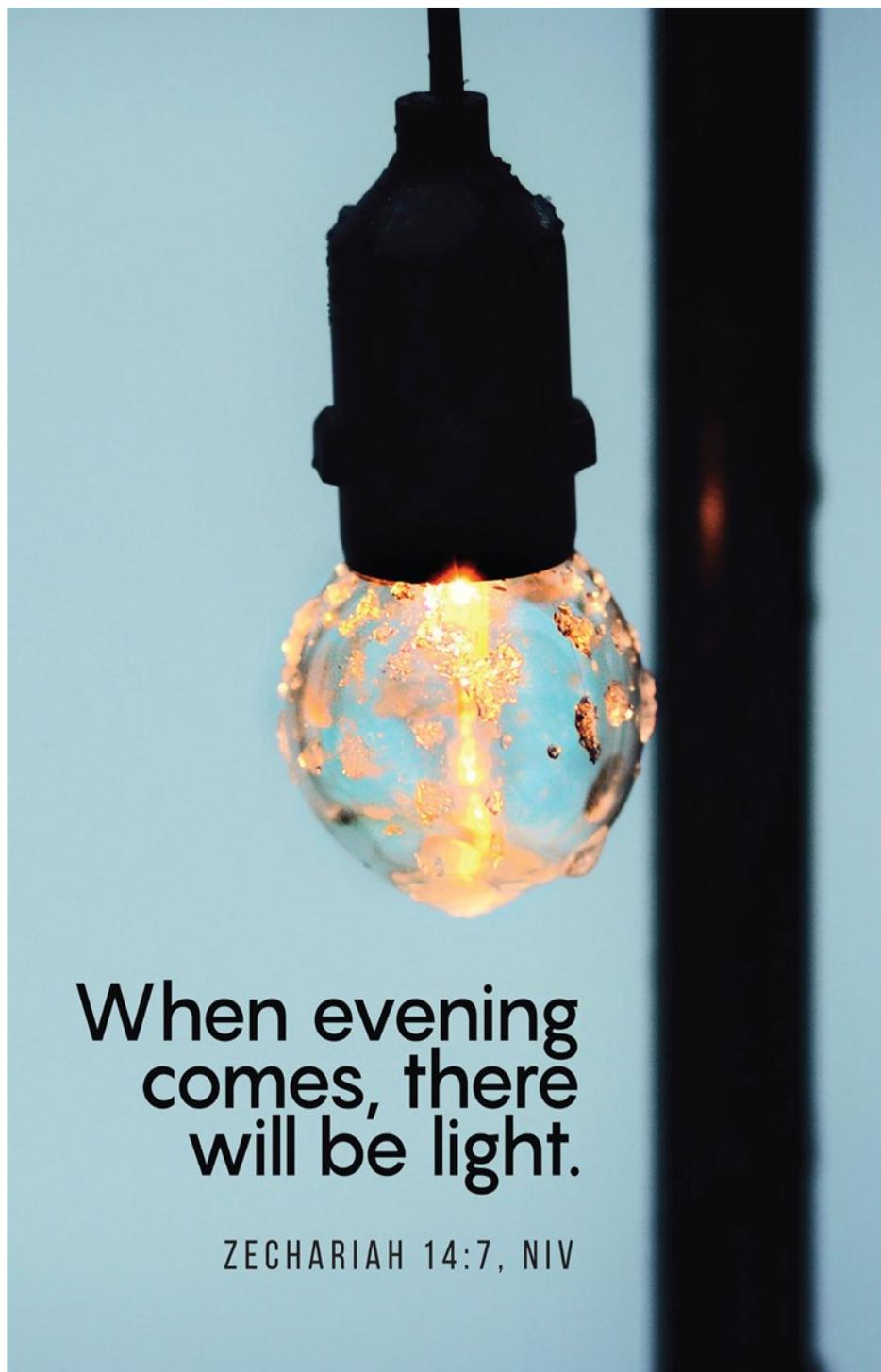
# BOND



## Trinity Lutheran Church

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When evening  
comes, there  
will be light.

ZECHARIAH 14:7, NIV

### Upcoming Events for 6th-9th Graders

**Saturday, September 10**  
9:30-1:00—CLUE  
(activity in Jamestown)

**Friday - Sunday,  
September 23-25**  
Castaway  
(retreat near Detroit  
Lakes, Minnesota)

**BLESSING  
OF THE BACKPACKS**  
Sunday, August 28<sup>TH</sup>  
at both services.

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# I'm a Lutheran



## Gem Saied

I was baptized in a Coptic Orthodox Church when I was two weeks old. I am the middle surviving child, three older siblings died as infants, so my parents did not wait to get me baptized.

I attended school and worshiped at a Roman Catholic Church School. I was taught by Nuns and learned English, Math, Science, Book-keeping, and Shorthand while in school.

I now work as the Administrative Secretary at St. John's Lutheran Church. I have always enjoyed working in the Hospitality Industry and loved my time managing hotels, but I didn't like the long hours and needed to find a job where I didn't have to be on my feet all day. As strange as it sounds, I loved dealing with difficult guests. It was a challenge for me to not say out loud what I was thinking, but to sit down with people and find a compromise. It prepared me well for working in a church office.

I found my faith through the missionaries that came and lived next door to my family in Sudan. I joined them and spent 6-8 years working as a missionary. I attended a year of bible school in Austria and traveled through Europe and translated Christian Books from English to Arabic. I worked with lots of youth and lots of churches. I lost my faith when the war in Sudan started in the early 1990's and the missionaries were all pulled out. I was not pulled out- it was my home. It was very dangerous and there was lots of fighting. I could not understand how they left and I couldn't. I spent the next 25 years going back and forth between whether to believe in God or not. I went to a couple of churches, but didn't rediscover any passion or desire to be at church until 2017 when I was hired at St. John's.

I believe that God forgives all sins- small and big, and that no matter how far away from God you run, God always finds you and carries you in his arms. My favorite Bible passage is Psalm 23. It signifies for me that Christ is the shepherd and always gathers and looks after the sheep. I also like the story of the Prodigal Son. When I struggle, I go and find comfort in Christ.

I pray that God forgives my shortcomings and my past sins. And I really pray that my mother (now deceased) forgives me for putting her through hell and back when I was younger. I pray for forgiveness for how I treated her.

I struggle with why does God love me and why does God want me to be his child. I've done some bad things and sometimes I don't want to be me. But I love helping people, no matter what and it means a lot to me to put a smile on someone's face.

People are surprised that I'm still working at a church. It might be that my dry sense of humor and my culture are sometimes not understood or appreciated here.

If I could change anything, I would go back and treat my parents a bit better and not have strayed from God for so long.

I'm a Lutheran because I love Jesus.

Living abroad taught me to accept people for who they are. I've been exposed to so many cultures. Some are nice and some are not so nice or friendly. The challenge is to accept them.

Working in a church office has taught me that when someone comes in angry, to not react with anger. I am grateful and would like to thank St. John's and Trinity, and the pastors for accepting who I am.

# Ministerial Acts



✠ 7/5/2022 Joan Moldenhauer Trinity



Garden of Gethsemane photos by Shar Gumke

# Holden Village Journey

August 4-16 thirteen people from eight different congregations will be exploring the Biblical theme of Jubilee at Holden Village in the Cascade Mountains of Washington. Watch for our story next month.



Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives

## Our Trip to Israel

In February 2019, a group of 24 individuals traveled to Israel to spend 10 days traveling to those places you read about in the Bible; Bethany, Bethlehem, Capernaum, the Jordan River, Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee and the Garden of Gethsemane were just a few of the places we visited. It was a trip of a lifetime; one that brought the Bible to life in unique ways. Reading about Jesus teaching in Capernaum and then touring a recently excavated historic synagogue and seeing the stone where the teacher sat (knowing that Jesus probably sat on that very stone) left many awe-struck.

Israel is a beautiful county with much diversity in landscape and culture; from the green lush hills at the mouth of the Jordan to the desolate desert and stony mountainsides, from the beautiful fish-filled Sea of Galilee to the uninhabitable Dead Sea, we experienced it all. We saw crowded cities with open marketplaces to large areas of rocky countryside where no houses were noted. We tasted some fantastic foods native to Israel, observed a baptism in the Jordan, and witnessed a bar mitzvah parade. We prayed at the Wailing Wall. We sensed the almost-palpable distrust between Israel and Palestine.

What was most inspiring? That's a hard question to answer. Seeing the ruins of Masada where some Jewish Zealots chose to die rather than surrender to Rome in 70 A.D., sitting in the Garden of Gethsemane under ancient olive trees knowing Jesus prayed in a place like this, walking into an open tomb in a garden thinking about that first Easter morning, or sailing on the Sea of Galilee wondering on which hill Jesus fed the 5000...they were all inspiring. My only regret (and one expressed by the other 5 Jamestown travelers) was this: There simply wasn't enough time to totally soak it all in! To my fellow travelers: Wendy & Dale Thompson, Connie and Charlie Wells, and my dear husband Ken; I probably did not do justice to this fabulous trip. We'll just have to do it again sometime. Anyone else interested in going along?

Shar Gumke

## Community Notices

Downtown Arts Market 5:30 – 8:30 pm  
Every Thursday through September 1

8/13 – JPRD Gear Grinder – Bike rides –  
Pipestem Creek Trail 8 am – 12 pm

8/24 – UJ Block Party

8/25 – Beginning of the School Year

9/18 – Bookmobile at National Buffalo Museum  
10 am – 11 am

9/24 – Don Wilhelm's Huntington's 5K Color  
Run – 7 am

## St. John's and Trinity Events

8/2-8/3 – Rummage Sale Drop Off  
at St. John's from 8 am to 4 pm

8/4 - St. John's Rummage Sale 10 am – 4 pm

8/5 – St. John's Rummage Sale  
\$ 2.00 Brown Bag starts at 10 – 2 pm

8/25 Child in Our Hands  
Open House – 4:30 –6 pm

Every Tuesday starting 8/16 – 1 pm  
Grief Support meeting for 6 weeks  
at St. John's



## Red Willow Bible Camp Quilt Auction Saturday August 27th

10 am Viewing Opens and Silent Auction

11-12:30 Lunch

1 pm Life auction

2:30 Silent Auction closes and Raffle Prize

Raffle Prize- "Warmth of Our Stars" queen  
size quilt. Tickets available in the St. John's  
Office. (need not be present to win)

All auction items may be viewed at  
[redwillowministries.com](http://redwillowministries.com)

Absentee bidder forms also available.

## FREE Public Art Event!

All are welcome. Come and See!

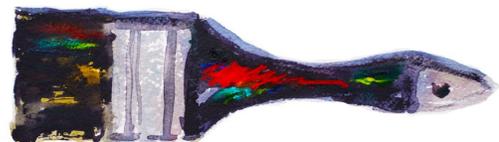
Experience a *Drawn to the Word* artistic experience where Artist and  
Pastor Paul Oman will paint a large scale canvas of the Feeding of the  
5000 before your eyes at **The Arts Center in Jamestown**

on **Tuesday August 30th at 7 pm**. This story will unfold artistically,  
musically, narratively and Scripturally during the event.

*Drawn*

TO THE WORD

Learn more at [www.JamestownPlace4U.org](http://www.JamestownPlace4U.org)



# The Future of the Church



*“Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don’t let anyone put you down because you’re young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity.”* 1 Timothy 4:11-12  
(The Message)

One of my very favorite ministries in the church today is Bible camp. I was never a camp counselor, but I really wanted to be. It didn’t work out for me, but when college was over I took a job as the Director of Youth Ministries at a church and my very first week on the job they sent me with a van full of kids to Bible camp. I got to hang out with the Bible camp staff, build relationships with the kids from my church, sing songs around the evening campfire, and even help with worship. It was like being an honorary camp counselor for a week. I looked forward to those weeks in the summer at Bible camp every year.

As a pastor I still have weeks where I get to be a part of Bible camp ministries. In June, staff from Park River Bible Camp and Red Willow Bible Camp came to Jamestown to lead Vacation Bible School for elementary age kids from Atonement, St. John’s, and Trinity. Kids gathered in worship, singing at the top of their lungs about the love of God. Young men and women taught stories from the Bible about the love of God to our kids.

Then in the beginning of July, I took High Schoolers to Park River Bible Camp. These were some of the youth who were supposed to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. That event was canceled and PRBC stepped up and planned a local event to fill the void. For a week they gathered to hear about the boundless love of God. They gathered in worship. They sang around the campfire. They played and prayed and created art. All week they heard that they are loved by a God whose love has no limits.

The young men and women who give their summers to Bible camp ministries love their kids with everything they have. They answer a call to love as Christ loved. They pour all their energy into their campers and it is breathtaking to behold. By the end of a week at camp or VBS the kids who receive this outpouring of love are changed. Many will return to be leaders one day, still talking about the counselor who helped them believe God loved them.

This is Holy Ground. Here we find the young people of the church gathered to build faith together. Bible camp ministries are where you see the images of the future of the church. It’s joyful and exuberant and honest and LOUD. It gives me hope and I know the future of the church is in good hands. Please hold these ministries in prayer and support them in every way you can. Encourage the kids in your lives to be campers or counselors. This ministry is essential to the church!

Blessings,  
† Pastor Susan Haukaas

## THANK YOU!

I’ve returned from my Sabbatical and wanted to say, thank you for the generous gift of time for renewal and refreshment. My family is grateful for the ways in which I able to be fully present as we spent time together, travelled together, and relaxed together.

I am so glad to be back in ministry with the people of Trinity Lutheran. Thank you!

† Pastor Susan Haukaas

# Discernment Process Update

Each of the eight ELCA congregation councils discussed the Goals for Building Ministry Teams in our areas. Information sessions were held to share these goals with the congregations.

By July 15 seven of the original eight congregations decided to participate in this first set of goals. Participating congregations are as follows:

Atonement, Jamestown	Christ the King, Ellendale
Emmanuel, Gackle	English, Medina
St. John's, Jamestown	Trinity, Jamestown
Zion, Kulm	

Char Freeberg from St. John's and Joni Zink from Trinity will serve as local coordinators. Pastor Kristi Weber will serve as the pastoral coordinator on this team

The local coordinators are responsible for beginning implementation steps toward the common goals.

Three of their early tasks will be

- 1) to choose a name for this ministry partnership
- 2) to revise the way the goals will be implemented in light of having 7 participating congregations instead of 8 (see below for more detail), and
- 3) to prepare a budget for the first 6 months, and a 2023 calendar year budget proposal in time for review at October congregation council meetings and January 2023 congregation annual meetings

Other groups that are beginning their work are the call committees (for two pastors) and search team (for a Director of Youth and Family Ministries).

Pastor Erik Weber is taking the lead in coordinating the call processes. English and St. John's will each select 3 members to serve on a joint call committee. There is a possibility of having an organizational meeting in late July.

**What is happening with Immanuel in Jamestown?** Although Immanuel in Jamestown is interested in participating in some of the events (such as the Season of Creation worship series in September, and the Castaway Youth event on September 23-25) they are not ready to say yes to all the goals and participation with the local coordinators at this time. They will be invited to events, but not be part of the coordination team.

Ocean	<b>Season of Creation</b>	Universe
<b>Sundays: September 11, 18, 25 and October 2</b>		
Animals	<b>Explore the wonders of God's Creation</b>	Storm



2022 ELCA  
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY  
August 8-12, 2022  
Columbus, Ohio

## Churchwide Assembly Preview

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held in Columbus, Ohio, August 8-12, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Bishop Tessa Moon-Leiseth and voting members from our synod, both pastoral leaders and lay leaders, will participate in this meeting. The Churchwide Assembly is the national expression of our work together as a church. The Churchwide assembly is held every three years.

This year we gather under the theme, *Embody the Word*. There's an importance in the double meaning of the two words:

- Embody - meaning both the incarnation of Jesus Christ and the life of the church emerging from a pandemic.
- Word - meaning both Jesus Christ and scripture

Luke 24:45 states, "Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures." We embody the Word, both Jesus and the scripture, by speaking it and proclaiming it. In 1522: Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament made the Word accessible to the people and revolutionized the Christian movement worldwide. 500 years later, the call to make Jesus accessible to the people still exists today and as we look to the future of this church.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units;
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws;
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy;
- Worship together;
- Adopt a budget; and
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

(text from ELCA.ORG accessed 7/14/2022)

## Worship on FM radio

*If you are having trouble with the reception on 1400 AM for the radio broadcast of the 8:30 am Sunday worship, try 107.1 FM to get better reception.*

## Radio Broadcast

- + 8/7/22 by Marlyn Swanson in memory of George
- + 8/14/22 by Frank & Marvel Fischer in honor of their wedding anniversary
- + 8/21/22 by Merle Weatherly & family & Peg Beckman in memory of Myla Wescom
- + 8/28/22 by Greg & Deb Dollinger in honor of Greg's birthday

## Altar Flowers

- + 8/7/22 by Marlyn Swanson in memory of George
- + 8/14/22 by Judy Brueske in honor of Penny Landscoot's birthday
- + 8/21/22 by Judy Brueske in honor of LuAnn Knoke's birthday
- + 8/28/22 by Erin & Dave Klein in honor of Gabriel's Baptism Day

## Altar Candles

- + 8/7/22 by Marlyn Swanson in memory of George
- + 8/14/22 by Rachel & Greg Hastings in honor of their 5th wedding anniversary

## MEMORIALS

**Joan Moldenhauer:** Lue Struble

**Cecile Morud:** Morud Family, Marlyn Swanson

**Clifford Wegner:** Laurel Haroldson

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Kristina Weber (320-2077)..... Senior Pastor  
Susan Haukaas (320-1446)..... Associate Pastor  
Wendy Thompson .....Pastoral Assistant  
Ashley Gehlhar (320-8216) Director of Stepping Stones  
Lynette Berry (320-5707).....Faith Quest Administrator  
Dick Morris.....Organist/Choir Director  
Meggen Henke..... Administrative Assistant

## July worship attendance

### In person at 8:30 a.m.

July 3 ..... 29  
July 10 ..... 28  
July 17 ..... 53  
July 24 ..... 41

### In person at 10:45 a.m.

July 3 ..... 57  
July 10 ..... 50  
July 17 ..... 49  
July 24 ..... 34

### YouTube views

#### Sunday 10:45 a.m.

July 3 ..... 44  
July 10 ..... 29  
July 17 ..... 18  
July 24 ..... 16



## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Special music for the 8:30 a.m. Service in August  
August 7 and 14: special music provided by guest organist, John Clodfelter  
August 21 - Duet by Evelyn Runck and Nathan Steele  
August 28 - oboe solo by Erin Klein

Regular rehearsals for the Trinity Choir will begin on September 7 at 7:15 p.m.

Special music for the 10:45 a.m. Service in August  
As always, the faithful Celebration Choir will supply music leadership for the service.

Regular rehearsals are every Monday at 4:15 p.m.

**WE COULD USE YOUR SUPPORT:** Both Trinity and Celebration Choirs are always open to additional members. More singers make it possible to explore exciting new dimensions in the beauty of the music we can offer at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Don't wait to be asked, please just indicate your interest and you will be welcomed with open arms.



# AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 6:30pm Alphabet Art	2 2:30pm Text Study 6:30pm Alphabet Art	3 6:30pm Financial Peace University 6:30pm Alphabet Art	4 9:00am Open Play	5 Office Closed	6
7 8:30am Worship with Communion 10:45am Worship with Communion	8 4:00pm Little Einsteins 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	9 2:30pm Text Study 4:00pm Little Einsteins 5:00pm Outreach	10 10:00am Exec Committee 4:00pm Little Einsteins 6:30pm Financial Peace University	11 9:00am Open Play 9:30am Altar Guild 7:00pm Wine & the Word	12 Office Closed	13
14 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship	15 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 7:00pm Congregational Council	16 8:00am Men of Trinity 2:30pm Text Study	17 6:30pm Financial Peace University	18 9:00am Open Play 11:00am Ave Maria Worship 12:00pm Grace Circle 4:30pm Worship Committee	19 Office Closed	20 <b>Bond Deadline</b>
21 8:30am Worship with Communion 10:45am Worship with Communion	22 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	23 10:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study	24 5:00pm Community Block Party 6:30pm Financial Peace University	25 <b>School Starts</b>	26 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	27
28 <b>Blessing of the Backpacks</b> 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship 1:00pm Rock of Ages	29 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	30 10:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study	31 8:45am Open Play 6:30pm Financial Peace University			

# Council Highlights—Monday, July 18, 2022

**Present: Greg Ulland, Mitch Ostlie, Erin Klein, Mary Craft, Chris Flann, Jacob Limke, Joni Zink, Nathan Steele, Pastor Kristi Weber, Pastor Susan Haukaas**

Minutes: Chris Flann -- Erin moved to approve the minutes of the June 13 meeting. Seconded by Joni. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Chris moved to receive the financial report from Tax Forward for June. Seconded by Mary. The motion passed.

## ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Approved grant application to Central Valley Health District for Community Immunization Initiative.
  
- 2) Appointed Addison Mansavage, and Brent Berry as members of the Director of Youth and Family Ministries search team. One more Trinity member to be appointed.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

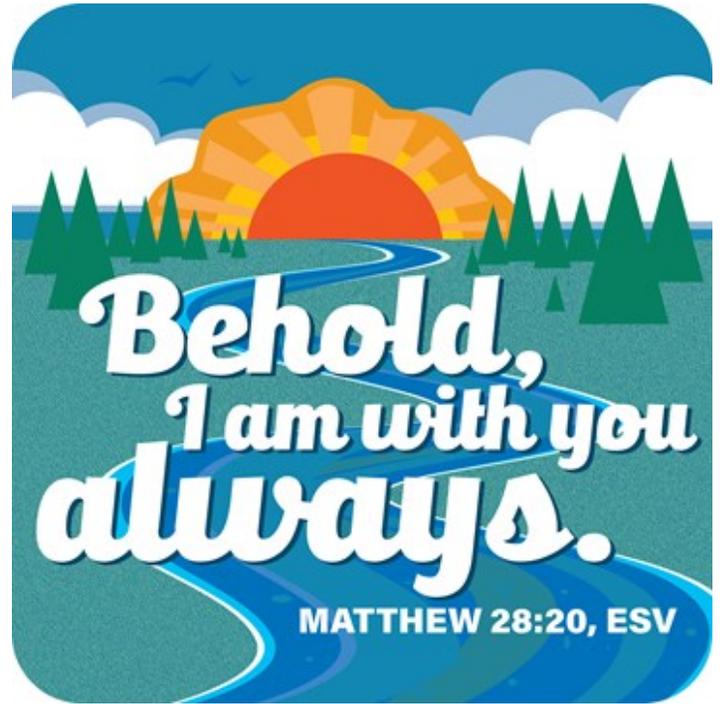
- 1) The final distribution from the Doris and Ellis Engel Estate was received in July. \$205,401.47 has been deposited into Trinity's Reserve Savings Account. Council continues to discuss how this generous donation can inspire generosity to assist with upcoming projects at Trinity.

Next regular meeting: Monday, August 15, 2022 at 7:00PM in person

Snacks and Devotions by Greg Ulland

Next Exec team meeting: On Zoom at 10:00 am Wednesday, August 10

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



### 2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

Greg Ulland, President (701-330-2015)  
 Erin Klein, Vice President (320-4560)  
 Kristin Hoff, Treas. (952-0224)  
 Chris Flann, Sec. (269-6756)

Mary Craft (701-252-9086)	Joni Zink (320-1015)
Eric Knodel (320-9968)	Jacob Limke (701-212-3324)
Nathan Steele (269-2811)	Mitchell Ostlie (320-8822)

### COMMITTEE/TEAM CHAIRS (Telephone)

Altar Guild.....	Ardell Quigley (952-5062)
Boy Scouts.....	Aaron Motter (952-3428)
Education.....	252-2841
Fine Arts.....	252-2841
Library.....	252-2841
Memorial.....	Peg Beckman (252-1896)
Men of Trinity.....	Randy Lebahn (952-8337)
Outreach.....	Donette Rasmussen (252-4890)
Parish Care.....	Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)
Property & Management.....	252-2841
Selma Alexander/Trinity Foundation.....	Bob Toso (252-5027)
Stephen Ministry.....	Wendy Thompson (251-2122)
Women of Trinity.....	Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)
Worship.....	252-2841
Youth.....	Wynn Rasmussen (252-4890)
Church Office.....	252-2841

**Financial Snapshot—Trinity’s General Fund  
Through June 2022**

Year to Date Income	\$ 157,300
Year to Date Designated Income*	+\$ <u>29,900</u>
Year to Date Total Income	\$ 187,200
Year to Date Expenses	-\$ <u>208,700</u>
Surplus (deficit)	(\$ 21,500)

\*Designated income includes funds received for specific bills paid through Trinity’s General Fund.

Although the year to date expenses exceed calendar year to date income for 2022, thanks to your generosity in 2021, funds have been available to pay bills as they arrive. Your generosity throughout the summer months helps continue Trinity’s mission and ministry.



**Lutheran World Relief School Supply  
Drive Is On!**

Once again we are collecting school supplies for children in need through Lutheran World Relief. Back to School sales provide some cost savings to stretch your money in purchasing the following items to place in a collection box in the gathering space.

**Greatest need:**

- \*70-sheet notebooks (4 needed per kit)
- \*blunt school scissors
- \*pencil sharpeners
- \*rulers with centimeter markings

**Also needed:**

- \*2 ½ inch erasers
- \*unsharpened #2 lead pencils
- \*black or blue ballpoint pens (not gel)
- \*boxes of 16 or 24 crayons

These items will be packed in drawstring backpacks for shipment in October. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has to break the cycle of poverty. Thank you for being a part of the education solution!

**Women: Let’s Head to Medina Sept. 24!!**

Our sister congregation, English Lutheran in Medina, is hosting the annual meeting of the Eastern North Dakota Synod WELCA on September 24 with registration beginning at 8:30am and the meeting beginning at 9:30am.

The theme is Faith, Hope, and Love, based on 1 Corinthians 13. The keynote speaker is Deb Wald, a Fargo singer, song writer, poet, and spiritual advisor. Dan Hannaher, the local director of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service will speak, have a table display, and be available for conversation. Through nearly 80 years of service and advocacy, LIRS has helped over 500,000 migrants and refugees rebuild their lives in America.

In Kind Offering of bath towels, new sheet sets, and cash to help local resettlement will be accepted as well as unperishable food and paper products for the local food pantry and yarn for Prison Ministry.

Pre-registration is encouraged to provide a meal count for English Lutheran women by Sept. 8. The tickets for the noon meal are \$13 per person with pre-registration or \$15 at the door. Register and pay at the office. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Ruth Urdahl (952-1733) or Meggen in the church office (252-2841). The group can car pool to Medina.

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Connect with God and with each other.  
Share God's good news with all.



*Summer Worship at Trinity*

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person)

Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)

Wednesday Worship will pause through August and resume September 21



**54th Annual Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lutefisk and Meatball Supper**

**Wednesday, Oct. 5 • 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Adults: \$19 presale; \$20 at the door**

**Youth: 6-11: \$5; Preschoolers: Free**

**Advance tickets available at the Trinity Office**

