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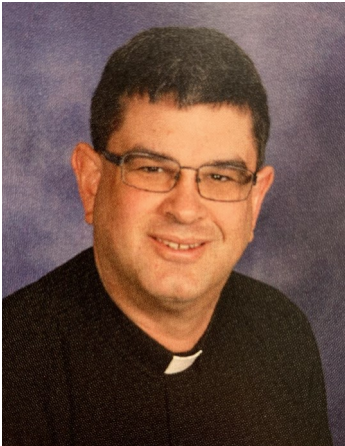
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Renewed Concrete at Trinity

Thank you McGruder Construction for pouring the new steps and sidewalks to Trinity. New railings will be installed before the project is complete. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Renew Campaign to fund this project. (See page 9 for other projects supported by the Renew Campaign.)



Travel to Jerusalem



In June, Pastor Kristi and I are traveling to Jerusalem. Kristi spent five weeks there in 1991 but it will be my first time. We are traveling with a St. Olaf adult study group. One of the advantages of this type of travel is that the college has decades of experience and contacts in the area: they know people on the ground. Our participation has involved almost a year of preparation for the trip and a lifetime of preparation for the journey. There are different areas to pay attention to on a trip like this one and each has its own demands.

As a journey of faith, this trip can be considered a pilgrimage. We are traveling to a place that is foundational to the Christian story. We will visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, and the Sea of Galilee. We will have the chance to stand where the crowds gathered as bread was passed out as the 5000 were fed. We will have a chance to pray on the Mount of Olives where Jesus knelt in prayer after the Last Supper. We will visit the Church of the Nativity, built on the traditional site of the birth of Jesus. These places are all important, but they are also just a narrow slice of the long history of the area. Layer upon layer of faith stories occupy every hill and valley. I have visited important religious places in the past: Wartburg castle in Germany where Martin Luther translated the Bible, St. Mark's in Venice, built just after the split between the Eastern and Western Church, and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, built on the site of Peter's martyrdom. Standing in these places offers a new appreciation for the stories of faith.

This is also a journey to a place where people continue to live. It is a place that people call home. Jews, Muslims, and Christians continue to want the same things for their families as we want for ours: freedom to worship and work, safe streets and homes, access to education and health care. This continues to be an unsettled time for the region. We will have the opportunity to listen to and visit with people who live amid the tension of Israeli domestic political protests, ongoing Jewish/Palestinian conflicts, and the return of tourists who want to see the sites but ignore the people who live there. Some of the recommended pre-trip reading include reflections on living in a place that has been occupied by others far more than it has been free to determine its own path as well as a current novel by an author who lives near Jerusalem.

Kristi and I do ask for your prayers as we embark on this journey. Prayers for safety for us and for the group are welcomed. But also pray for an openness to hear the stories of people who are living today in the region. There are shepherds, and farmers, and merchants who make their living doing the things that people have been doing there for thousands of years. The shepherds heard the angels singing and traveled to Bethlehem to see the thing that had been told them. After telling Mary and Joseph all that they had heard, they returned to their flocks. Some of their descendants have stories to tell as well about what they see God up to in the world. This trip straddles the time from the Biblical witness to the lived testimony of living people.

Pastor Erik

Synod News

Once a year, representatives from the 180+ congregations of the Eastern North Dakota Synod gather for the Synod Assembly on a Saturday and Sunday. Knowing that most of the rostered leaders (pastors, deacons, and SAMS) will be attending the Synod Assembly, the Bishop prepares a sermon and makes it available for the congregations to use. There's a copy that can be printed so that someone can read the sermon on that Sunday. There's also a video version of the Bishop preaching the sermon that congregations can show if they have the capability. The sermon is only one part of the whole service though. Someone needs to lead the other parts of worship. Each year this becomes a part of the preparation for Synod Assembly, recruiting someone to lead Sunday Worship.

Within the Christians in Action partnership this same need has been identified. Within the partnership there are a lot of pulpits to fill so that everyone hears the word of God proclaimed each week. So, early on, the need for lay preachers was identified. What do you do though if there's a lay preacher prepared to preach, but the clergy are all assigned to be somewhere else? It's a lot like Synod Assembly - there's a sermon available, but someone needs to lead worship. The lay preacher could lead worship too, but they're already traveling and each congregation does things a little differently. A better solution would be to treat those Sundays like Synod Assembly weekend and recruit someone from within the congregation to lead worship. After all, someone from within the congregation already has knowledge of how things are done!

Pastor Susan Haukaas took on lay worship training as a part of her work within the partnership and in April training began. In their own churches, using the patterns of worship they are already familiar with, those who volunteered practiced the basics of leading worship. They realized quickly that most of what they needed to know they've learned just by attending worship in their congregation. Mostly a worship leader keeps things going in the right order. The congregation generally knows when to sit and stand, when to sing or speak, they just need to be invited to do those things.

Having worship leaders will allow our lay preachers to travel more broadly in the partnership. They won't need to bring clergy along with them to lead the rest of the service and that will allow clergy to preach and lead in other congregations within the partnership. Lay worship leaders know the specific traditions and patterns within their own congregations. With some basic training they can easily guide the congregation through worship. Most importantly lay worship leadership adds another opportunity for people to be involved in the ministry we do together as Christians in Action in Eastern North Dakota. We hope to eventually have lay worship leaders trained in all of the Christians in Action congregations. Those leaders will be invited to be in conversation and community with each other, as a means of support and encouragement of their ministry!

If you are interested in being trained in the basics of worship leadership contact Pastor Susan Haukaas @ pastorsusan@ndchristiansact.org

Christians in Action – Youth and Family Ministries

Among the 8 congregations of the Christians in Action Partnership, there are approximately 220-240 youth in middle and high school.

Since October 2022, a search team including Carson Bayer, Julie Fischer, and Dana Kolden from Atonement and Addison Mansavage, Brent Berry, and Jay Oettle from Trinity, along with Pastor Kristi Weber, have been preparing to welcome a Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries.

After Zoom and in-person interviews in March, the search team recommended that Deacon Tara Ulrich be called as the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries.

By agreement of the congregations, Trinity Lutheran is the congregation that extends a call. This is similar to when a congregation calls a pastor. Trinity members voted at a congregational meeting Sunday, May 7 to call Deacon Tara Ulrich to serve our congregations. The Councils of the partner congregations have agreed to contribute to the balance of the compensation package beyond Trinity’s portion.

This call is in partnership with the other congregations of Christians in Action. Deacon Tara will serve an average of 17 hours per week with Trinity (Jamestown), 13 hours per week with Atonement (Jamestown), 4 hours per week with St. John’s (Jamestown), and 6 hours per week shared by Emmanuel (Gackle), English (Medina), and Zion (Kulm) Lutheran Churches.

Please prepare your hearts and minds to welcome Deacon Tara Ulrich to the Christians in Action partnership. She has strong gifts to bring to our congregations.

About Deacon Tara Ulrich

Deacon Tara Ulrich grew up in Ashley, North Dakota. She attended the University of Mary in Bismarck and attended seminary at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, where she received her Masters of Arts in Youth, Culture and Mission degree in 2005. Deacon Tara has served children, youth and families in Lutheran congregations in Minnesota and North Dakota for the past seventeen years. She enjoys baking, reading, and spending time with her fur babies (her cats) Luna Lovegood and Neville Longbottom.

Anticipated Start Date July 2023 – The Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries will begin serving in our communities to coordinate large group events as well as coordinating local events for youth from our congregations.

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

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



Deacon Tara Ulrich

Watch for ways you can help once a move in date is decided.

Thank you, Ashley Gehlhar

On May 31, we say farewell to Ashley Gehlhar as Director of Stepping Stones. Ashley joined the Stepping Stones team as Director in the fall of 2019 and led this ministry through the challenges of limited capacity throughout 2020—2022. As she leaves to work as a graphic designer, we are grateful for her leadership.

Community Notices

6/8 & 6/9 29th Annual Jamestown Kite Festival

6/29 & 6/30 JHS Summer Musical
"My Fair Lady"

Trinity Events

6/19-6/23 Vacation Bible School
with Red Willow Bible Camp

VBS for Elementary Age Kids (Those who have completed grades K-5)

SCHEDULE JUNE 19-23
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM DAILY



Stepping Stones **FAMILY PLAY CENTER**

Garden Club - June 2, 1:30-3:30pm, Ages 6-10, \$15

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs - June 9, 9:30-10:30am, Ages 4-6, \$10

Creative in the Kitchen - June 23rd, 1:30-3:30pm, Ages 6-10, \$20

Ready! Set! Get Wet! - Session 1 - July 6, 1-2pm, Ages 3-5, \$10

Session 2 - July 6, 2:30-4pm, Ages 6-10, \$10

Nursery Rhyme Fun - July 10, 4:30-5:30pm, Ages 4-6, \$10

Pout Pout Fish & Ocean Life - July 21- 4:30-5:30 pm, Ages 4-6, \$10

ABC! - August 1, 2, 3 6:30-7:30pm, Ages 4-6, \$30



Trinity Lutheran
Tuesday, June 20
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$8.00

Plan to attend this annual event and bring a friend.

Each woman at Trinity is asked to bring a large salad by 10 a.m. and uphold our reputation of having an attractive and tasty assortment of fruit, vegetable, potato, taco, pasta, rice, and other salads, as well as homemade rolls, to be "topped off" by a delicious bar for dessert. All for \$8 including coffee!!

Proceeds will enable the Trinity Women of the ELCA to continue their annual benevolence to Head Start, Safe Shelter, Red Willow Bible Camp, Salvation Army, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, Perry Center, and Lost and Found Ministries, as well as Bibles for Trinity's third graders, confirmation flowers, holiday food baskets and kitchen upkeep.

Tickets for another quilt raffle to benefit the above causes will also be available. Evelyn Runck has designed and pieced a lovely quilt, which was machine quilted and hemmed by Emmy Opskar. The tickets for the July 10 drawing are \$5 or 3 for \$10.

Many willing hands are needed to have a successful luncheon. If anyone would enjoy the camaraderie of working with other women and have not yet been called, please call Ruth Urdahl at 952-1733 to offer to help setting up, serving or cleaning up.



Young at Heart will be carpooling to Pingree for lunch at the Pingree Café on Tuesday, June 12. We will meet at Trinity at 11:15 am and leave at 11:30 am.

All seniors are welcome!

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



A May 7th surprise: The Faith Quest Choir made its last appearance before summer. As always they did a delightful job but then surprised me with an additional song and a card signed by the children. This was to acknowledge my last time with them in Music with Mr. Morris.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. What a joy it has been to work with the children. And thank you to Lynette Berry and Pastor Susan for making this happen.

On May 7th the Handbell Choir also made its last appearance before a summer break. Their playing is always so fine, and we particularly appreciate the leadership provided by Joyce Schulz. Jody Larson was also recognized for 34 years of playing with the group.

On May 28 the Trinity Choir will sing for the last time before their summer break. It has been a privilege to work with the choir for four years. I appreciate their constant support and fine singing.

During the summer months music for the 8:30 a.m. service will be provided by soloists, instrumentalists and small ensembles.

Celebration, as always, will continue to provide special music for the 10:45 a.m. service throughout the summer months. I am grateful for their continual support and singing and I also thank Beth Fritz for her piano playing and singing and for serving as the librarian for the group.

Council Highlights—Monday, May 15, 2023

Present: Amy Joseph, Jacob Limke, Chris Flann, Shawn Banet, Mary Craft, Joni Zink, Greg Ulland, Nathan Steele, Mindy Skunberg, Pastor Kristi Weber

Minutes: minutes of the April 17, 2023 meeting were approved. Minutes of the May 7, 2023 congregational meeting were received.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports for March 2023 will be emailed when they are received.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Approve principal payment of \$35,000 to the Mission Investment Fund for mortgage. Funds are from the Engel Estate Gift.
- 2) Approved transfer of \$81,380 from Engel Estate Gift (50% of cost) to replace 2 boilers as payment to send with signed contract.
- 3) Approved disbursement of \$1,380 to Red Willow Ministries from Mission Giving funds received January—April.
- 4) Approved disbursement of \$1,000 each to Atonement Lutheran in Jamestown and Emmanuel Lutheran in Gackle from \$3,000 grant received from Central Valley Health District (Trinity, Atonement and Emmanuel were partners for this grant)
- 5) Approved draft agreements with partner congregations for youth ministry positions.
- 6) Shawn Banet appointed to serve as voting member at the Synod Assembly in place of Mary Craft (due to schedule conflict.)
- 7) Approved Trinity's portion of funding for Early Childhood Specialist/Youth Ministry Assistant. Plan to act on hiring a candidate on June 6.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A) JoLynn Schumaker will coordinate summer classes from Stepping Stones until a new Director is hired.

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

Greg Ulland, President 701-330-2015
Shawn Banet, Vice-President 701-739-8872
Chris Flann, Sec. 269-6756
Jacob Limke, Treasurer 701-212-3324

Mary Craft 252-9086	Amy Joseph 269-9344
Eric Knodel 320-9968	Mindy Skunberg 269-2805
Nathan Steele 269-2811	Joni Zink 320-1015

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.....	Shirley Driessen (952-2519)
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

MORE INFORMATION ITEMS

B) Director of Music Ministries position remains posted on Association of Lutheran Church Musicians website.

Next regular Council meeting: Monday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm in person (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Next Executive team meeting Tuesday, May 30 at Noon on Zoom

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Financial Snapshot—Trinity's General Fund Through April 2023

Year to Date Income	\$ 114,900
Year to Date Designated Income*	+\$ 7,400
Year to Date Total New Income	\$ 122,300
Transfer from Savings** for Designated Expenses	+\$ 32,600
Year to Date Total for Expenses	\$ 154,900
Year to Date Expenses	-\$ 152,600
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 2,300

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

**Some funds received in previous years are designated for expenses (such as repairs paid by donations to the RENEW Campaign) Your generosity throughout the year helps continue Trinity's mission and ministry.

RENEW Campaign Update through May 2023



Your financial gifts to Trinity's RENEW Campaign support ministry.
THANK YOU for your generosity.

Gifts received through May 20, 2023 support these goals:

GENEROSITY donation to Eastern ND Synod **\$20,000**

FACILITIES OPERATION **\$45,000**

Repair and maintenance for aging building systems
includes heating and cooling system repairs and electrical work

MINISTRY SPACES contributions toward sanctuary renovation and education wing replacement **\$89,015**

FINANCIAL SECURITY mortgage payments sent or in bank for payments through April 2024 **\$80,000**

principal reduction for mortgage from RENEW donations **\$26,740**

principal reduction from Jensen and Engel Estate Gifts **\$60,000**

Total Distributed through May 20, 2023 \$320,755

Contributions toward the replacement of the front steps and sidewalk have also been received.

Additional gifts received through December 31, 2023 will be used toward replacing damaged ceiling tiles, LED lighting and fixtures, replacing ONE boiler, and additional repair and maintenance expenses.

10% of gifts received will be donated to the Eastern North Dakota Synod (approximately \$20,000)

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.

Altar Flowers

- † 6/4/23 by Russ & Cheryl Sunderland in honor of their anniversary
- † 6/11/23 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of great-grandchildren's June birthdays
- † 6/18/23 by Russ & Michele Well in honor of Chris' birthday
- † 6/25/23 by Erin Klein in honor of Dave and Gabriel's birthdays

Altar Candles

- † 6/4/23 by Dave & Sheila Nelson in honor of Scott & Sheila's birthdays
- † 6/11/23 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of great-grandchildren's June birthdays
- † 6/18/23 by Marilyn Nitschke in honor of her sons
- † 6/25/23 by Dianna & Mark Pollert in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary

Radio

- † 6/4/23 by Kayla & Logan Hanson in honor of their 4th anniversary
- † 6/11/23 by Steve & Ruth Brubakken in honor of their anniversary
- † 6/18/23 by Odean & Karen Olson in honor of grandkids
- † 6/25/23 by Children & grandchildren in memory of Darald Olson

Ministerial Acts



Funerals

- ✠ 5/8/2023 Sharleen Boomgaarden
- ✠ 5/9/2023 Martha Klingenberg

April/May worship attendance

In person at 8:30 a.m.

April 30 131
May 7 170
May 14 155
May 21 56
May 28 47

In person at 10:45 a.m.

April 30 60
May 7 98
May 14 92
May 21 64
May 28 40

YouTube views

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

April 30 49
May 7 62
May 14 54
May 21 23
May 28 38

In person Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

April 26 14
May 3 16

YouTube views

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

April 26 6
May 3 19



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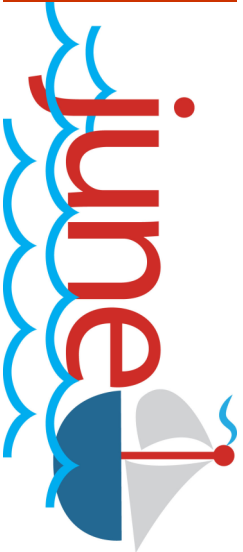
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Susan Haukaas (320-1446)..... Associate Pastor
Wendy Thompson Pastoral Assistant
To be named (320-8216) Director of Stepping Stones
Lynette Berry (320-5707)..... Faith Quest Administrator
Dick Morris..... Organist/Choir Director
Meggen Henke..... Administrative Assistant



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Office Closed 1:30pm Garden Club!	3 Synod Assembly
4 Synod Assembly 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship	5 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	6 9:45am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study 7:00pm Congregational Council	7	8 9:30am Altar Guild 7:00pm Wine & the Word	9 Office Closed 9:30am Cloudy with a Chance of..	10
11 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship with Communion	12 11:15am Young at Heart+Pingree 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	13 9:45am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study	14	15 11:00am Ave Maria	16 Office Closed	17
18 Father's Day 8:30am Worship with Communion 10:45am Worship with Communion	19 9:00am Vacation Bible School— Atonement Lutheran Church 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	20 8:00am Men of Trinity 9:00am Vacation Bible School— Atonement Lutheran Church 11:30am Salad Luncheon 2:30pm Text Study	21 9:00am Vacation Bible School— Atonement Lutheran Church	22 9:00am Vacation Bible School— Atonement Lutheran Church	23 Office Closed 9:00am Vacation Bible School— Atonement Lutheran Church 1:30pm Creative in the Kitchen	24
25 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship 1:00pm Rock of Ages	26 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	27 9:45am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study	28 4:30pm Worship Committee	29	30 Office Closed	

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Trinity's Purpose:

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 until September 20