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## Trinity Lutheran Church

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*a season of thanks and praise*

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
Sing praises to our God on the lyre.

Psalm 147:7, NASB

## Thanksgiving Baskets

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a Thanksgiving Food Basket, please contact the church office by November 17. Provide your name, the person's name, phone number, address, and the number of adults and children in the household.

## Mobile Food Pantry

Great Plains Food Bank will bring their mobile food pantry to Temple Baptist Church (1200 12th Ave NE)

**Thursday, November 6**

**5:15—6:30 pm**

All are welcome to receive food at no cost at this drive-through food distribution.

No pre-registration is required.

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# A Harvest of Blessings



*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:4-7 (Lectionary reading for Thanksgiving Day)*

When I first moved to the Midwest (Moorhead, MN) from the Inland Northwest (Spokane, WA) for college I didn't know anyone. I was 1200 miles from home, family, friends, and my faith community. When I arrived in August I knew I wouldn't be home again until Christmas break. I didn't know what I would do for my first Thanksgiving away from home.

One of my first friends was also living far from home. She came from Lynchberg, Virginia (1400 miles away). Except, her grandmother lived in Fargo, so she had a place to go during school breaks and weekends. Very quickly her grandmother realized that some of her granddaughter's friends didn't have anywhere to go when the campus shutdown over school breaks. She quickly adopted us and opened her home to us. I'll never forget the hospitality and love I received that first Thanksgiving away from home at Grandma Ella's house and at her table.

At a recent Sunday afternoon family event we made Blessing Pumpkins. We cut 8.5"x11" orange cardstock into eleven 1" strips and wrote a blessing / something we were thankful for on each strip. Then we connected them, making a pumpkin centerpiece for this fall season. Many of the blessings named were people who love and care for us. I cannot think of Thanksgiving or of the blessings of this time of year without naming Grandma Ella. Who would you name as someone who has blessed you? How can we become a name that is remembered as a blessing?

This is the season when we give thanks for the harvest, gather with family, and think about all the blessings God has provided. It is also the time of year when those who are far from family, grieving, or who struggle (physically, emotionally, financially, or in many other ways) are particularly affected. Like Grandma Ella, we are called to notice those in our midst who need our love and hospitality. Gestures of welcome, kindness, and grace are especially important right now. If you are in need of care during this season, I pray that your brothers and sisters in Christ will meet you in your need and bless you. If you have been blessed, may you hear God's call and find a way to bless those around you.

Harvest Blessings,  
Pastor Susan Haukaas



## I'm a Lutheran—Irene Otto



I believe that Jesus does heal. I was a goner and he brought me out of it. Jesus was there beside me when I woke up. It has been a rough year, but I'm still here with the support of family, friends and the Hospice visitors. I've lived in this same house in Medina since my family moved into town from the farm NE of town in the early 1950's. I remember when we first moved to town we left the Reformed Church out in the country. When we got here, a group of three men from one of the other congregations in town came to invite/encourage my dad to bring the family to their church, but he kicked them out and said we would find our own congregation. He ended up picking English Lutheran and that's how I ended up being Lutheran.

I married Willie and we raised our three children in town. I worked. My first job was working for the telephone company in town for \$0.25 per hour on the switchboard- pulling out those cords and plugging them into the holes. That building is torn down now. I also worked as a bookkeeper, at the grocery store, at the cheese plant, and ended up at the onion plant in Dawson sorting onions. It was 39 degrees in that plant. In my retirement I became a babysitter for my grandkids.

My favorite bible stories are about Jesus, especially the healing miracles. Pastor told me that this coming Sunday is the story of Jesus healing the 10 lepers. I like that one. I pray that I continue to have good health and continue to improve in my walking. I wobble and use my walkers around the house and cane when going out. I struggle with my heart all the time, especially when the air is thick and humid. Summer is worse than winter. I have the desire to help care for people, especially the elderly. If I were younger, I would do more. If I could change anything, I would have my baby back. We lost one child. I would also like my husband back. He died in 1986.

Our house is next to the park and the ball-field now, but the park used to be a gravel pit. I remember when Orville Nye bought it and planted all the trees that we see today. When the kids were little and Willie would come home from work he'd ask where the kids were and I just pointed out the window to the ball field. There was always a load of kids in our yard. I could bake a batch of cookies and the next day they would all be gone.

I have not traveled much but my grandson Dirk took me to Hawaii. I remember traveling down a two lane highway with beautiful trees planted between the lanes. He took me to the Memorial over the battleship Arizona in Pearl Harbor. I saw that long list of names and looked at the oil bubbling up from the ship underwater. I found it hard to believe that one side of the island could be dry and the other side so lush. And yes, I did go in the ocean.

One of the things that I learned when working for the city was how important it is to ask for suggestions. When people make suggestions they think of things that are never thought of.

People would be surprised to know that when I had my house resided, I forgot to tell them to keep the access door to the attic. We don't have one inside the house and the siding was run right over the outside one. Someday someone will open it up and find the artificial Christmas tree that was used at the old Reformed Church in the country. My mom lent it to them every year until we moved. It has been in the attic ever since.

# Youth Activities-November 2025

## November Youth News

### **Lord's Prayer Small Plate**

November 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Lower Level Fellowship Hall

### For Youth in Grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

For youth in Grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lock-In to be held Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at St Johns Lutheran Church

Please register at [NDChristiansAct.org/events.html](https://NDChristiansAct.org/events.html)

8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders, are you interested in attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2027 in Minneapolis MN? There is not a lot of information out yet, but save the dates of June 28-July 2, 2027. A theme will be revealed in early 2026. If you are interested in attending the Gathering, please contact Deacon Tara at [deacontara@ndchristiansact.org](mailto:deacontara@ndchristiansact.org). Once we have an idea of numbers, Deacon Tara will set up an informational meeting so we can start planning and fundraising. There is no financial commitment until Fall 2026.

Deacon Tara: 701-659-1226 or email: [deacontara@NDChristiansAct.org](mailto:deacontara@NDChristiansAct.org)

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## **Faith Café—Children's Ministry**

**Small Plates**—Sundays at 9:30am on **November 9 and 16th**. Lord's Prayer  
(3 year old—5th graders with a caring adult)

Sunday 9:30 am on **November 23rd** Baby/Toddler Book Club  
(3 year old and younger with a caring adult)

**Entrées** — (includes a meal—RSVP at [TrinityJamestown.com](https://TrinityJamestown.com))

<b>Sunday, November 2</b>	4:00pm to 6:00pm	Marching with the Saints
<b>Wednesday, November 12</b>	5:30pm to 7:30pm	God's Family

**Take Out**—Pick up November lessons at the picnic basket in the Gathering Space starting November 2.



Did you guess last month's I'm a Lutheran mystery person? The answer is—Jeanie Rosemore!!



## Quilting Sessions—November 10 and 24

Quilting will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 9:30 of the month with the first shipment of quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief the week of October 20th.

Come and join the fun and conversation as quilts are assembled. If you would love to sew the 60" x 80" quilt tops but cannot come in person, you can help from home, sewing together (with 1/2 inch seams) the 48 11 inch squares found in the quilt kits in the gathering space. The tops will be assembled with backing and batting and tied during the group sessions to complete the quilts.



Young at Heart will be going to Paradiso on Tuesday, November 11 at 11:30 am. All seniors are welcome!

## Men of Trinity say “Tussan Takk” or a Thousand Thanks

The Men of Trinity held its 57th Annual Meatball and Lutefisk Supper on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 365 people were served. This could not have happened without the efforts of many people. Thank you to the Women of Trinity for making the meatballs and gravy, selling the surplus items, staffing the take-out station and delivery of meals. Thank you to the Boy Scouts Troop 163 and their leaders for help in cleaning and resetting tables. Also, thanks to Russ Davis Wholesale for donating potatoes.

Once again, we had a great turnout of men who helped with such tasks as, setting up, peeling and boiling potatoes, cutting and cooking the lutefisk, making the coleslaw, getting the roasters ready for the meatballs and gravy, mixing the meatball ingredients, serving, washing dishes and clean up.

In addition, this project was approved as a “#LIVE GENEROUSLY” project by Thrivent Financial. As such, Thrivent provided seed money of \$250. Thank you, Thrivent.

But most of all, we thank those who purchased tickets. This support allows us to make donations to the Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Holiday Food Baskets, Red Willow Ministries, ND Orphan Train, memorials, funding for taxi services and help with church van and property expenses.

*Mission of the Men of Trinity: Promote fellowship within the male membership of the church, strengthen faith in Christ and do good works within the church and throughout the community.*

# Christians in Action Ministry

Christians in Action Ministry exists to strengthen the ministries of member congregations in South Central North Dakota.

On October 2, 2025, an article titled “A strengthened, shared ministry: Collective of eight N.D. congregations shares resources” appeared in the Living Lutheran online edition as part of a series highlighting innovative rural ministries in ELCA congregations and communities. Sandi Rivinius, President of Emmanuel Lutheran in Gackle, tells about the impact of Christians in Action Ministry in their congregation.

The first article in the series appeared September 5, 2025, and is still available to read online. It tells about two farmers who tend 100 acres owned by St. Mark Lutheran Church in Van Wert, Ohio, and how the congregation donates the money from the crops to support a variety of ministries including local food banks, a local ministry that helps unhoused families secure housing, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and much more.

View these articles at:

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2025/10/a-strengthened-shared-ministry/>

As our congregations prepare for Advent, members are again writing devotions to be shared electronically and in a printed booklet. Those writers have already been recruited.

A video version of Advent devotions is also being explored. If you have photos that you think connect with Advent or Christmas hymns such as “Angels We Have Heard on High,” “Joy to the World,” “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,” “Love Has Come,” “Silent Night,” or many others, please send them to [PastorSusan@NDChristiansAct.org](mailto:PastorSusan@NDChristiansAct.org) by November 10 so they can be included in the devotions shared via social media.

## Congregations participating in Christians in Action Ministry:

	<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Officers</b>
Atonement, Jamestown	Taryn Schurhamer	
Christ the King, Ellendale	Dianne Billey	Vice-Chair
Emmanuel, Gackle	Joyce Spitzer	
English, Medina	Bryan Behm	Secretary/Treasurer
Montpelier, Montpelier	Abram Valenta	Chair
St. John’s, Jamestown	Paulette J Ritter	
Trinity, Jamestown	Christopher Flann	Takes Notes at Meetings
Zion, Kulm	Lucinda Malm	

Pastor Kristi Weber serves as the ministers’ representative on the board.  
Common website: [NDChristiansAct.org](http://NDChristiansAct.org)

# SYNOD NEWS

Over 300 youth along with their adult leaders gathered at Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes MN September 26-28th for our annual synod youth gathering. The keynote speaker was Pastor Emily Harkins from the Dwelling in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Pastor Emily spoke to the youth about the power of names and how knowing our names is important to who we are as children of God. Pastor Emily also shared stories of members of her congregation in Winston-Salem.

Youth and adults engaged in lively worship singing many favorite camp/contemporary worship songs. Youth also had time to get to know other youth from the Eastern North Dakota Synod. They had time to play volleyball or basketball, climb the rock wall, ride the giant swing and engage in many other activities.

Pastor Emily shared that every winter they hand out tie blankets for the mission at the Dwelling. They are in need of 125 adult tie blankets to be distributed to the homeless in the area. As part of a confirmation class, we are going to have our youth help make some of these blankets that we will send to the mission at Pastor Emily's church in North Carolina.



# Council Highlights—Monday, October 17, 2025

**Present: Greg Ulland, Travis Finck, Eric Hassebrock, Heather Rostenbach, Amy Joseph, Janet Steinberger, Nathan Steele, Pastor Susan Haukaas, Pastor Kristi Weber**

Minutes: minutes of the September 15, 2025 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports for September 2025 were received

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) Approved receiving 16 confirmands as voting members of Trinity Lutheran Church.
- 2) Accepted resignation of Dr. Anne Gassmann with regret and with thanks for her two years serving as Trinity Choir Director.
- 3) Approved endorsement of request to Trinity Foundation for funds to support the online faith community as part of Christians in Action Ministry.
- 4) Approved the offer of a gift of newly commissioned artwork for the sanctuary.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A) Discussion about current cash flow deficit and ways to address the delay in paying bills. Gratitude for ongoing generosity of congregation members even as people face rising costs in their own households.

Next Council meeting:

Monday, November 17, at 7:00 pm

Next Executive team Zoom tbd

## 2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

Greg Ulland, President 218-791-0415  
Shawn Banet, Vice-President 701-739-8872  
Mindy Skunberg, Sec. 269-2805  
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Nathan Steele 269-2811                      Amy Joseph 269-9344  
Travis Finck 240-2364                      Heather Rostenbach 218-205-4309  
Janet Steinberger 269-6318                      Eric Hassebrock 391-6598

## 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.....Jon Lillejord (368-2889)  
Outreach.....252-2841  
Parish Care.....Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)  
Property & Management.....252-2841  
Selma Alexander/Trinity Foundation.....Bob Toso (252-5027)  
Stephen Ministry.....252-2841  
Women of Trinity.....Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)  
Worship.....252-2841  
Youth.....252-2841  
Church Office.....252-2841

## **Thank you from Dr. Anne Gassmann**

With my whole heart, I want to say thank you for being a welcoming community when I started working as the choir director two years ago. Being from North Dakota, I already had a couple of relationships from the past, but starting over was hard and you helped make the transition a little easier. To the choir, your spirits are so kind, joyful, and hilarious. I truly appreciated every rehearsal because you were there for the music AND each other. Your care and concern was always so heartfelt and I always walked away from rehearsals with a brighter smile because of you. I'd love to say hello and thank you on my last Sunday, October 12th; we'll be celebrating with cake after the church service.

All the best, Anne Gassmann

**Financial Snapshot—Trinity’s General Fund  
Through September 2025**

Year to Date Income	\$ 254,123
Year to Date Designated Income*	+\$ 27,704
Year to Date Total New Income	\$ 281,827
Christians in Action Reimbursements ^	\$ 74,378
Transfer from Savings** for Designated Expenses	+\$ 3,790
Year to Date Total for Expenses	\$ 359,995
Year to Date Expenses	-\$ 373,020
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (13,025)

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

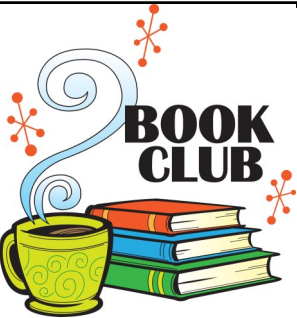
^ Christians in Action reimbursements include funds for shared staffing (Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries), administration (Google workspace account and telephones), and events.

\*\*Some funds received in previous years are designated for expenses. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year that helps strengthen Trinity’s mission and ministry.

Note: The deficit for September increased somewhat since August. The primary way this is being addressed is that checks cut in September were not mailed until October including a check to Portico for staff healthcare and other benefits plus additional checks totaling more than \$5,000 for service contracts, telephone, cleaning, and others. Other checks totalling more than \$12,000 were not cut as of the end of October even though they had payment due dates in October. The Trinity Foundation provided \$8,700 to pay the unexpected elevator repair bill in early September.

Thank you to everyone who has increased their giving to help reduce the deficit.

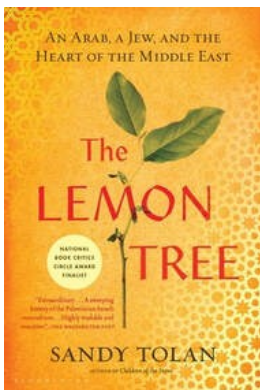
**Christians in Action Ministry Book Club**



**BOOK CLUB**

The CIA Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm over Zoom and/or in person depending on who is planning to attend. Each month we will pick another book to read and discuss. Everyone is welcome!

To sign-up & find out more about upcoming books, check out [www.ndchristiansact.org/book-club](http://www.ndchristiansact.org/book-club)



**November Discussion—Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm**

“The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East”  
by Sandy Tolan

The tale of a simple act of faith between two young people, one Israeli and one Palestinian, that symbolizes the hope for peace in the Middle East.

## 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

- + 11/2/25 by Mike & Penny Landscoot in honor of their anniversary
- + 11/9/25 by Bob & Alaine Toso
- + 11/16/25 by Ardell Quigley in memory of Gene Schapp
- + 11/23/25 by Nicole Stevahn in honor of Alexis Latt's birthday
- + 11/30/25 by Jane Eberhardt in honor of family

## Altar Candles

- + 11/2/25 by Emma Potratz in memory of Papa
- + 11/9/25 by Steve & Ruth Brubakken in honor of all veterans
- + 11/30/25 by Jane Eberhardt in honor of family

## Radio

- + 11/2/25 by Dave & Sheila Nelson in honor of their 37th anniversary
- + 11/6/25 by Darrell Metzger

## Livestream

- + 11/2/25 by Judy Brueske
- + 11/9/25 by Norma Repko in memory of Dale

## Sept/Oct worship attendance

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

September 28 .....	62
October 5 .....	70
October 12 .....	87
October 19 .....	62
October 26 .....	55

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

September 28 .....	35
October 5 .....	22
October 12 .....	33
October 19 .....	43
October 26 .....	188

### YouTube views

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

September 28 .....	34
October 5 .....	36
October 12 .....	42
October 19 .....	49
October 26 .....	63

## Celebrating Meggen Henke's

### 10th Anniversary as

## Trinity's Administrative Assistant

Stop by the office or call or email

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to show your appreciation for the ways  
Meggen keeps Trinity running smoothly.

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Susan Haukaas (320-1446)..... Associate Pastor

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Youth and Family Ministries

JoLynn Schumaker (320-8216) Director of Stepping

Stones

Meggen Henke..... Administrative Assistant





# NOVEMBER

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								1 All Saints Day
2 All Saints Sunday	3	4	5	6	7	8		
8:30am Worship with Communion 10:45am Worship with Communion 2:00pm Ave Maria	5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts	2:30pm Text Study 7:00pm Troop Parent Meeting	9:00am Open Play 11:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation	9:00am Open Play 11:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation	9:00am Open Play 9:00am Open Play 9:00am Open Play	9:00am Open Play 9:00am Open Play		
9 8:30am Worship 9:30am Lord's Prayer 10:45am Worship	10 No School 9:30am Quilting 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells	11 No School-Veteran's Day 11:30am Young at Heart-Paradiso 2:30pm Text Study	12 9:00am Open Play 11:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation	13 9:30am Altar Guild 12:00pm Jamestown Ministerial 7:00pm Wine & the Word	14 Office Closed 9:00am Open Play	15		
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23 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship 1:00pm Rock of Ages	24 9:30am Quilting 1:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Open Play	25 2:30pm Text Study 7:00pm CIA Book Club	26 9:00am Open Play	27 Thanksgiving—Office Closed	28 Office Closed No School Stepping Stones closed	29		
30 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship								



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**Trinity's Purpose:**

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



***Worship at Trinity***

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person)  
Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)  
Wednesday, November 12 5:30pm