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Trinity Lutheran Church

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You're invited!

...by the Men to the Lutefisk Supper ...by the Women to the Fall Bazaar ...by the Youth to a Concert 10/21



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Promises



"You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?" ELW page 234 - Affirmation of Baptism Service

Over the course of each school year I meet with the 9th Grade Confirmation students and we think about the promises they will make as 10th Graders during the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) service. We review the promises, one each month. Then in the fall of their 10th Grade year they turn

in an essay with their thoughts about these promises. All of this conversation and writing is meant to help them consider the importance of these promises, think deeply about their faith, and prepare them to claim their faith.

In my first meeting with the 9th Grade class this fall we were reviewing the promises their parents, sponsors (Godparents), and the whole congregation made when they were baptized. We talked about how the adults in our life promise to raise us in the faith and promise to support us so that we may grow into our faith. We talked about the important adults in their lives who have been willing to share their faith with them. A metaphor I use to help them understand the passing of faith goes like this; the adults in your life built you a house of faith and now you get to decide for yourself if you want to live in that house.

As we prepare to celebrate with those who are affirming their faith in October it is an excellent time to remember. Remember the covenant God made with you in holy baptism. Remember that you are God's beloved child, adopted into God's family, a brother or sister of the beloved Son, Jesus. Remember that you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Remember that you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Remember that through baptism you are forgiven, redeemed from death and the devil, and given eternal salvation (Luther's Small Catechism).

Then remember the promises you made when you affirmed your baptism. You promised to live among God's faithful people - to surround yourself with people of faith who will help you to live out your faith in God. You promised to hear the word of God - to seek God's voice and to find faithful preachers and teachers to speak God's word to you. You promised to share in the Lord's supper - to gather around the Communion table and receive the body and blood of Christ, to receive God's grace, and to gather with other Christians in community. You promised to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed - to show your faith to the world through the things you say and do, to let your life proclaim God's love. You promised to serve all people, following the example of Jesus - to care for neighbors and strangers, enemies and friends. You promised to strive for justice and peace in all the earth - to work towards the world we pray for, a world where God's will is done. As I remind the 9th grade class, you will never keep these promises perfectly, but they are promises we make with ourselves, one another, and God. Daily we strive to do our best and we ask God for forgiveness when we fall short.

Faith is a group project! Each generation works together to pass on their faith to the next. Each child brought to the waters of baptism is given the promise of a community of faith that will pray for them, support them, and share stories of God's faithfulness with them. Let us rejoice with this year's Confirmands and re-commit ourselves to the work of the Gospel - sharing the story of God's love.

Blessings, Rev. Susan Haukaas

Quilting



Quilting for October will be on the 9th and 23rd at 9:30 a.m. If you are able to stay through noon, please pack a sack lunch. Stay as long as you are able, but work will continue until about 3 p.m. Come if you can;

no experience is necessary.

There is a box of quilt kits in the Gathering Space for anyone willing to prepare quilt tops at home. The kits contain 48 11" squares, to be sewn together with half inch seams (6 blocks by 8 blocks) to make a 60" X 80' top.

RETIREMENT THANKS from DICK MORRIS

I want to express my deep appreciation for the events on August 27, the day of my retirement. The two services were just right, and the reception between services provided wonderful opportunity to visit with so many of you. I am also grateful for the numerous cards with humbling messages and also those that included various types of gifts. It has been a joy to serve Trinity Church for the last four years, and I felt blessed by the love and support I felt from the entire staff, all of the musicians, and my many friends at Trinity. After more the seven decades of providing music in the church I now look forward with eager anticipation to the next chapter in my life. Of course that new chapter includes continuing membership at Trinity.

So - with my thanks comes the joy of knowing that we all shall continue to see each at Trinity.

Bless you all -

Dick Morris

Fall Bazaar Saturday, October 14 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Women of Trinity

The Women of Trinity have 2 fundraisers this fall to raise money for kitchen upkeep and for their benevolent causes, including Bibles for 3rd graders, baptism Bibles, Holiday food baskets, Red Cross, Lutheran Disaster Response, etc.

The Fall Bazaar will be October 14 with a BBQ and pie lunch being served. Baked goods, produce, and Grandma's Attic items will be sold. Please check your closets and cupboard for items you would like to donate and peruse your recipe books for food items you could contribute. All women are asked to bring a pie.

Quilt Raffle



Once again Trinity's quilters have created 2 quilts to be raffled off October 23. Tickets will sell for \$5 or 3 for \$10. The first prize will be a 76" x 56" wall hanging or lap quilt featuring a fall tree

with falling leaves panel encircled with colored windowpanes. The back is black grunge. It was pieced by Joyce Kukla and machine quilted in multi-colored leaves by Emmy Opskar and Edie Wait.

The second prize is a 61" x 53"blue batik jelly roll race lap quilt with a batik back. It was pieced by Evelyn Runck and quilted in leaves and swirls by Emmy and Edie.

Tickets are available now and will also be sold at the lutefisk supper and the bazaar.



Young at Heart will be going to Shady's for lunch on Monday, October 9 at 11:30 am.

All seniors are welcome!

Christians in Action

In September, the Christians in Action Partnership celebrated one year of working together in new ways. One of the Goals for Christians in Action was common Marketing for the congregations.

NDChristiansAct.org has been established as the Christians in Action website.

This website includes:

A home page with links to the individual website of each congregation (and links to the Facebook pages of two congregations that are still developing web pages.)

A resource page that lists items that can be accessed by the person from each congregation who prepares bulletins and newsletters. This is called the Treasure Chest.

A donate page that helps facilitate electronic giving to each congregation.

Some congregations, such as Trinity and St. John's, have had electronic giving options for many years. Other congregations, such as English, have found this to be a cost effective way to begin receiving electronic donations.

Payments for youth events such as the Castaway Synod retreat and the ELCA Youth Gathering can also be made electronically through the donate page.

A youth ministries section with additional pages for Upcoming Events, Castaway Synod retreat information, and ELCA Youth Gathering information. Registration forms are also found in these pages.

As you browse NDChristiansAct.org take time to learn about the partner congregations and to pray for these partners in ministry.

You are always welcome to participate in the events of partner congregations.

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown Christ the King, Ellendale Montpelier, Montpelier St. John's, Jamestown

Emmanuel, Gackle Trinity, Jamestown

English, Medina Zion, Kulm

Youth News

JUST MOVE!! Joe Davis and Agape (David Scherer) in Concert at Trinity Lutheran October 21st at 7:00 pm!

This concert will include worship, poetry, music and dancing. This concert is specifically for those in grades 6-12th grade but please know all are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$10.

If interested in purchasing tickets for yourself or your church group, please contact Deacon Tara at:

deacontara@ndchristiansact.org



Synod News – Jamestown Conference

EAND Synod Fall Theological Conference

It is a well established tradition that each September the synod's Fall Theological Conference is held at Fair Hills Retreat off Pelican Lake in MN. This year was no exception, and September 10-13 leaders from throughout the synod gathered together. There was plenty of time for fellowship, food, and relaxation, but we were also gathered to worship and learn. The Wahpeton Conference planned a beautiful opening worship service, where Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth preached on the story of Cornelius and Peter in Acts.





Our presenter for the conference was Raymond Pickett who serves as the Rector at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA. His presentation leaned heavily on a book on Acts by theologian Willie Jennings. Using Acts as a guide, he spoke about the importance of sharing the stories of our life journeys. We had time in small groups to explore how we're being shaped by our current journey, how ministry has transformed our lives, how we might bear witness to God's presence by giving voice to our experiences, and other questions. This time spent reflecting was meaningful and

helped expand our understanding of both the book of Acts and how God may be working in our lives.

Over the next few months there will be opportunities for congregations to participate in studies on the book

of Acts. If you have not read it, or it has been awhile, you are encouraged to give it another go. In many ways where we are at as a society and the church parallels what was happening with the early church during the Roman Empire. Learning from the book of Acts may very well help us better understand life now and how we might best move forward.





"I'm a Lutheran"



Tena Lawrence

Congregations that I have been a part of:

Trinity Lutheran has always been my church. As a child, I attended Sunday School at Trinity, took sermon notes in the balcony with my long-time friend, and was confirmed at Trinity. My girls were confirmed at Trinity, and now my great-nephews are in confirmation classes at Trinity. I was baptized with my cousin in a Lutheran church in Minot, and interestingly, Pastor Norm Anderson (who later officiated my wedding) was the minister that baptized me!

Occupation:

Currently I am the Executive Vice President at the University of Jamestown but soon to be a retiree! I have been blessed with two long-term and rewarding careers where coworkers often became close friends.

I found my faith:

I don't really feel I "found" my faith. I feel I learned my faith. Though the faith I know now is certainly different than the faith I had as a Sunday School or confirmation student. I think our faith grows in different ways as we go through various stages of our lives. One thing that does not change is what we learned as 3-year-olds – Jesus loves us.

An issue I am fighting for is:

As a true conflict avoider, I don't think I would say I am "fighting" for anything. And I am lucky that I live in a place where I am not forced to fight for what I believe in. I will always work to support what and who I believe in and am not afraid to communicate my opinion.

My favorite Bible story is:

Picking one as a favorite is hard! I know it would be one from the New Testament. Since I have been participating in the Christians in Action lay ministry, I have learned so much about Jesus. The stories I find most meaningful are those where is he telling us or showing us how to treat one another and how to share our faith. He set a great example as to how we should live our lives as Christians, knowing that we would fail and knowing that what he would sacrifice for us.

I believe that:

I believe that we are loved. I believe that having faith in God does not mean that we will not have difficulties in our lives but through prayer, God will provide us what we need to get through our difficulties. I believe that God is in our lives everyday – and most of the time we fail to recognize it! I believe that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us in heaven, and through his sacrifice our sins are forgiven.

I Pray:

I pray daily – and then some. I am a worrier so my prayer list is often long! I believe God hears our prayers and will answer them according to His plan for us. We are so lucky to live in a world where devotions and daily prayers are at our fingertips! Recently, I have become aware that I often forget that our prayers are to include praise as well, I am working on it!

I struggle with:

3 things:

Control - If you ask anyone that knows me, you will hear that I am an avid planner. I love spreadsheets, calendars and lists! Yet, as I have gotten older, it has become very clear to me that we are not in control, God is. So, I need to let go of thinking I can plan everything that happens in my life and lean on my faith for what is ahead. After all, we are all works in progress – right?!?

- Patience we live in a world where we expect immediate satisfaction, and sometimes it is hard to be patient. I struggle daily with my lack of patience. Jesus demonstrated we are to be patient with each other. We also need to be patient in expecting answers to our prayers (remember we are not in control).
- And honestly, I struggle with understanding Old Testament scripture thank goodness for study Bibles!



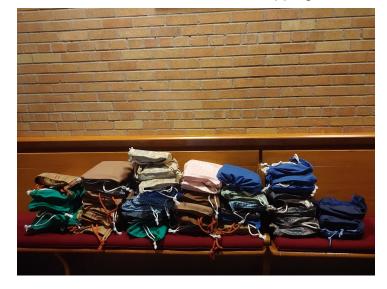
Story of Impact

Each year, as parents take eager students to purchase school supplies for the coming year, a list appears. It's the list of supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Each kit has four notebooks, a pair of scissors, a pencil sharpener, a ruler, an eraser, pencils, pens, and a box of crayons, packaged together in a school bag. It's not a long list. It's not a lot to gather. When the prices are low it's easy to buy a few more items for the sake of children in need. All together each kit costs under \$10, but what a difference it makes!

The Lutheran World Relief Website states, "Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities."

In August and September about 50 LWR School Kits were assembled at Trinity Lutheran. The effort was organized (as it has been for several years) by Ruth Urdahl. This vital ministry makes a real difference in the lives of students all over the world. This is an ongoing event, so watch for an opportunity to contribute again next year!

To learn more or to contribute to shipping costs for kits visit www.LWR.org/kits/school-kits





Council Highlights—Monday, September 18, 2023

Present: Mary Craft, Nathan Steele, Shawn Banet, Mindy Skunberg, Amy Joseph, Joni Zink, Jacob Limke, Pastor Susan Haukaas, Pastor Kristi Weber

Minutes: minutes of the August 21, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Financial report for August 2023 was received.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approve Portico Silver B+ Health Care Coverage for Rostered Ministers in 2024. (Same plan as 2023.)
- 2) Approve Portico Unbundled Flex Plan as benefits for lay staff in 2024. (Same plan as 2023.)
- 3) Appoint Leslee Larson and Dennis Mansavage as Internship Committee members. Eric Hassebrock appointed as alternate. Montpelier and Emmanuel (Gackle) Lutheran Churches will also appoint 2 members each to the Internship Committee.
- 4) Trinity's Council prepared the Response Form for Christians in Action.
- 5) Approved receiving 2 cemetery plots as donations. Trinity will work with Eddy Funeral Home to offer these spaces when people die but do not have financial resources to pay for a resting place.
- Approved a bid for making and installing railings on the front steps.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Update on boiler installation.

Next regular Council meeting: Monday, October 16, at 7:00 pm in person

Next Executive team meeting to be determined.

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

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Fine Arts	252-2841
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Memorial	Peg Beckman (252-1896)
Men of Trinity	Randy Lebahn (952-8337)
Outreach	Shirley Driessen (952-2519)
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Property & Management	252-2841
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Women of Trinity	Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)
Worship	252-2841
Youth	
Church Office	252-2841

Mitten Appeal—Boiler Update

Two new boilers have been installed and tested.

Anticipated cost: \$163,000 plus electrical work and related charges.

Received to date: \$ 6,400+ from Mitten Appeal \$60,000 from RENEW Campaign

Balance to be borrowed from Engel Estate gift in savings.



Mittens, coasters, and ornaments are thank you gifts for donations toward replacing two of Trinity's boilers.

Financial Snapshot—Trinity's General Fund Through August 2023

Year to Date Income	\$ 227,723
Year to Date Designated Income*	<u>+\$ 36,499</u>
Year to Date Total New Income	\$ 264,222
Transfer from Savings** for Designated Expenses	+\$ 114,277
Year to Date Total for Expenses	\$ 378,499
Year to Date Expenses (includes \$81,380 deposit for boilers)	<u>-\$ 390,880</u>
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (12,381)

^{*}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.



Eastern North Dakota Synod Fall Gathering

You are invited to join with others from ELCA congregations in the Jamestown and Wahpeton area for an afternoon of connection, conversation and prayer with Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth on Sunday, October 8 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm in Verona, ND.

To ride in the van from Trinity (departing at 1:30 pm and returning by 6:30 pm) please contact Meggen Henke at 701-252-2841 by October 4th to reserve your spot. If you wish to drive on your own, that is fine too.



55th Annual Trinity Lutheran Church Lutefisk and Meatball Supper

Wednesday, Oct. 4 • 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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

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

Advance tickets available at the Trinity Office

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

- **†** 10/1/23 by Hal & Deanna Weiser in honor of their anniversary
- + 10/8/23 by Judy Brueske in honor of family
- + 10/15/23 by Jane Eberhardt in honor of family
- † 10/29/23 by Buster Eckart in memory of Donna

Altar Candles

- + 10/1/23 by Hal & Deanna Weiser in honor of their anniversary
- + 10/8/23 by Mark & Joan Gehlhar in honor of their anniversary
- **†** 10/15/23 by Dave & Sheila Nelson in honor of their 35th anniversary
- 10/22/23 by Evelyn Runck in memory of Craig Runck

Radio

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Stones

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Meggen Henke......Administrative Assistant

September worship attendance In person at 8:30 a.m.

September 3 49 September 10 58 September 17 59 September 24 43

In person at 10:45 a.m.

September 3 31 September 10 70 September 17 60 September 24 76

YouTube views Sunday 10:45 a.m.

September 3 30 September 10 29 September 17 61 September 24 30

Ministerial Acts



⊕ 8/31/2023 Goldie Mehlhoff



Sharleen Boomgaarden: Joyce & Larry Kukla, Ken & Ruth Urdahl

Martha Klingenberg: Sandra & Gerald Bettenhausen, Char, Kathy & Norma Broten, Mike & Renee Drew, Jane Eberhardt, Events Management, LLC, Kathy & Dale Heckendorf, Tena Lawrence, Connie Orman, Norma Repko, Marlyn Swanson, Vicki Treitline, Robert Weiss

Carrie Kraft: Joyce Mueller

Ellen Orr: Robert & Julie Hanning, Joni Zink

Myrna Ronholm: Judy Brueske, Jane Eberhardt, Laurel Haroldson, Lee & Thelma Hennings, Norma Repko, Wendy Thompson, Ken & Ruth Urdahl

Joyce Roorda: Dale & Jan Andrud

Arlene Rudolph: Judy Brueske, Frank & Marvel Fischer, Terry & Pam Hansen, Meggen & Randy Henke, Ardell Quigley, Bob & Alane Toso, Ken & Ruth Urdahl

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:30am Faith Quest 10:45am Worship with Communion	2 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3 10:00am Staff Meeting— Trinity 2:30pm Text Study 7:00pm Troop Parent Meet- ing	4 8:45am Open Play 3:30pm 6th&7th Grade Confirmation - St. John's 4:00pm Lutefisk & Meatball Supper No 8th or 9th Grade Confirmation	O	6 Office Closed No School 8:45am Open Play	7
8 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship	9 9:30am Quilting 9:30am Quilting 11:30am Young at Heart to Shady's 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts	10 10:00am Staff Meeting- Atonement 2:30pm Text Study	11 8:45am Open Play 3:30pm 6th&7th Grade Confirmation - St. John's 6:30pm 9th Grade Confirmation - Trinity	12 9:30am Altar Guild 12:00pm Jamestown Ministerial 7:00pm Wine & the Word	13 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	14 11:00am Fall Bazaar
15 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:30am Faith Quest 10:45am Worship with Communion	16 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Congregational Council 7:00pm Boy Scouts	17 8:00am Men of Trinity 10:00am Staff Meeting-Trinity 12:00pm Grace Circle 2:30pm Text Study	18 8:45am Open Play	19 No School 11:00am Ave Maria	20 Office Closed No School 8:45am Open Play	21 7:00pm AGAPE Concert
22 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship 1:00pm Rock of Ages 5:00pm Confirmation Banquet No Faith Quest	23 9:30am Quilting 9:30am Quilting 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts	24 10:00am Staff Meeting- Atonement 2:30pm Text Study	25 8:45am Open Play 3:30pm 6th&7th Grade Confirmation - St. John's 6:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation - Trinity	26 8:30am Jamestown Conference	27 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	28
29 Confirmation Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Faith Quest 10:45am Worship 12:00pm Klocke-Nieswaag Confirmation Reception-FH	30 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts	31 HALLOWEEN 10:00am Staff Meeting-Trinity 2:30pm Text Study				

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Trinity's Purpose:

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



Fall Worship at Trinity

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person) Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)