



TIDINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



One of the crowd said, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

~ Matthew 22:37

The past two and a half years have been crazy, summer is flying by, and fall is now upon us. It's easy to get caught up in all the distractions of life and lose sight of the one thing that's most important: our relationship with God. Our connection with God is what gives life meaning, since that connection spills over into all the other connections we have with friends, family, strangers, and even enemies.

My wife and I were out on a walk last week when we came upon some sidewalk art that simply said, "Have a good year!" I don't know who wrote this message. I don't know how old they are, what they look like, or if they even live in the neighborhood where we found the message. All I know is that now we are connected. I'm connected with this random person who sent this message of hope out into the world. I wonder how many other people have seen it, especially after a hard day, and then had their spirits lifted like mine were.

I don't know all the details of the coming year, but I do know one thing: the coming year will be beautiful... it will be beautiful, it will be difficult, it will be scary, and it will be exciting. It will be all those things because our God is with us and we are with each other. Let's face it: life is hard, too hard to figure it out on our own. Thanks be to God for our connection with God and each other for the journey ahead!

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SEPTEMBER 2022

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Sunday Worship
9:00 & 10:30 am Onsite
9:00 am Online

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What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?

Labor Day: Outdoor Service with a Blessing of the Pets!

Sunday, September 4 | 9:00 am

Trinity will be holding an outdoor worship service on Labor Day Weekend. Please bring your lawn chairs as we gather in the Trinity Backyard for songs, prayers, and a message of hope! We'll also be having a "Blessing of the Pets" at this service. Please bring your creatures, great and small, to receive a special blessing.



Fall Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, September 11

Worship at 9:00 & 10:30 am Onsite
9:00 am Online

First Sunday Fellowship

This fall we will continue to gather for conversation in between worship services in the Gathering Hall right outside the church office, but once a month we will go downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats around the tables. We will also celebrate birthdays for the month with cupcakes, singing, and smiles!

Adult Education Opportunities

This fall Trinity will be offering two Adult Education opportunities:

Our "**Digging Deeper**" series will resume one Sunday each month when we "dig deeper" into the scripture reading for the day.

The second opportunity is brand new as we hold a "**Faith Forum**" one Sunday each month. This forum will be topical in nature as we discuss our response as thoughtful, faithful Christians to the current events of the day. Stay tuned for more details!



Sunday School begins on September 11

10:00 - 10:45 am (NEW TIME)

Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us this school year! This year, Sunday School will be from 10:00-10:45 am. This allows parents to attend the first service (9:00 am) and have enough time (5-10 minutes) to transition kids to Sunday School. For parents attending the second service (10:30 am), we're happy to walk your children down to the Worship Center, so you can enjoy the first 15 minutes of the service kid-free! Like last year, our Sunday School time will be led by a wonderful rotation of parent volunteers. If you're willing to help out occasionally in a Sunday School classroom, please let Hannah Rosholt know!

Register online at
www.trin.org/sundayschool

We're still on the lookout for high school students (ages 16+) or adults to help out once a month in our Nursery. Contact Hannah at hrosholt@trin.org if you're interested!

Back-To-School Blessing Sunday, September 11

All students, teachers and school staff are invited to come and receive a Back-To-School Blessing during either worship service on Sunday, September 11!



A New Small Group Ministry at Trinity

The past few years have forced us to find new ways to connect. As we continue to build community at Trinity, we'd like to provide opportunities for fellowship in small groups. We believe that life is better together and we invite you to find more connections with others here at Trinity through our new Community Groups.

As a first step in this growing ministry, we are looking for families willing to be a part of a Community Group that would meet three times and share a meal and fellowship over the next 3 months. This is an open invitation for people of all ages – people who are single, couples with no children, empty-nesters, and families with young kids or teenagers. Everyone is invited to take part! Groups will be made based on who is interested, with each family hosting one of the lunches/dinners and providing the main course, and the other two families bringing sides and dessert. The three dates for these small group meals are September 25, October 30, and November 27. This is a short-term opportunity to get to know a few other families at Trinity and build connections! Please email Nina Kirkman if you have questions at ninakirkman@gmail.com.

If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please sign up on our website www.trin.org, under Connect > Small Groups.

Campfire Worship Announcement

Fall programming is picking up in September with choirs, confirmation, Sunday School and all the rest! However, one thing that we're taking a break with is our Wednesday Night Campfire Service. We're grateful that these worship services were so meaningful for so many during the covid days, but we're shifting our focus now to our Sunday services, both ONSITE and ONLINE. Thanks for your support, and we'll see you at Sunday worship!

**CONFIRMATION
CLASSES**
BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 28

Visit trin.org/confirmation for details



Quilting Ministry

Tuesdays | 9:00 am

Join the Trinity Quilters each Tuesday morning in the Nyulnda Chapel for a morning of quilting and conversation.

Trinity Apostles

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month | 8:30 am

Join the Trinity Apostles for coffee, fellowship and to check off a few "handyman" jobs from our to-do list. All are welcome to lend a hand.

Heavenly Housekeepers

4th Thursday of the month | 9:00 am

The Heavenly Housekeepers meet monthly to complete light housekeeping tasks around the church.

Priscilla Circle

2nd Monday of the month | 2:00 pm

Priscilla Circle is a bible study for women that explores scripture and other faith topics. Contact Eileen Nelson (nelsej@gmail.com or 952-955-1491) for more details.

Trinity Book Club

Monday, September 12 | 6:30 pm

Join the discussion on monthly book selections with Trinity's Book Club. Email Diane Johnson at dcjohn56@frontiernet.net to receive the notification emails.

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Thursday, September 15 | 9:30 am

Join Trinity's OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group when Stacy Lewandowski (former Youth Director at Trinity) shares her musical talents. Bring a friend and enjoy this sing-along event of hymns and other favorites.

Congregational NEWS

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISM

Carter Steven Jones
son of Chad & Kayla Jones
born May 12, 2022
baptized August 14, 2022

MEMORIALS

in memory of

Bernadette Sandquist ~ \$20
Roger Kamann ~ \$25



Golf For Love INC Tournament

September 12, 2022

Join Love INC Heartland for a beautiful day at Albion Ridges and great fellowship as you enjoy a boxed lunch, hit a bucket of balls, and play in a four-person scramble. Learn more and register your foursome team at bit.ly/golfforlove.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

August 16, 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund summary July 2022

Beginning balance 7/1/2022:
-\$ 7,035.48

Operating Fund income: \$28,496.15
Operating Fund exps: \$29,712.06
Net balance (July): -\$ 1,215.91

**General Fund balance as of
7/31/2022: -\$ 8,251.39**

**Year-to date general fund
EXPENSES exceed INCOME by
\$21,284.06.**

Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 560.10
Loan principal payment: \$ 1,776.90
Add'l principal payment: \$ 2,663.00

Mortgage loan balance:
\$ 172,432.06

Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$ 44,707.05
(includes \$1,678.60 for Jul. federal withholding and \$11,270.78 in hail damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$146,736.33

Comments:

- 6% of general fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area Synod amounted to \$1,709.70.
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$1,166.20 (up from \$480.00 in June).
- A new music fund was created from money transferred from a separate choir account that was closed.

- Minor repairs were made at the parsonage.
- Initial payments were made for VBS supplies.

M/S/C Nancy Stello / Nancy Pickering / carried

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Music update: Penny Koets will lead Praise band; Hannah Rosholt will lead Sunday School Music; bell choir leadership still in question, Pastor Jeff continuing to work on this.
- Discussions/ideas about Community Groups small group ministry.
- Discussion/ideas about small group grief meetings hosted by Trinity.
- Digging Deeper Bible Study possibly coming back in fall.
- VBS had 50+ children attend. It was a successful program.

OLD BUSINESS

- A thank you note from Jacob Ulland was shared with council.
- Teller/communion duties; council members covering 2nd services.
- Stewardship Drive – discussion tabled until September.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ken Tuftte gave recommendation from the Finance Committee to install new phone system. Current phone system 30+ years old. New phone system would be a 3 year contract.
- Property Committee: Removal of old steeple will begin September/October. New steeple will be installed January/February 2023.
- Tree removal from parsonage lot will be completed this fall.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy Birthday Maren McCain	2 Happy Birthday Jack Brueggemeier Denyalle Hembroff Kathryn Hoover John Mueller Alex Phearman Peder Rumrill	3 Happy Birthday Logan Matson
4 OUTDOOR WORSHIP Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 9:45 am Happy Birthday Sarah Chellen Noah Isakson Scott Isakson Allison Kind Janice Peterson	5 LABOR DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i> AA Meeting 8 pm	6 Quilters 9 am	7 Happy Birthday Red Kirkman Andy McCain Brenda Reardon Claire Sieling	8	9 Happy Birthday Mary Beck Shelby Mueller	10 Happy Birthday Jennifer Helmbrecht
11 BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 10:30 am (Onsite)	12 Apostles 8:30 am Priscilla Circle 2 pm Book Club 6:30 pm AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Gina Phearman	13 Quilters 9 am	14 Gr. 9 Confirmation Meeting 6:30 pm	15 OWLS 10 am Finance Committee 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Liz Anderson	16 Happy Birthday Susan Engholm	17 Happy Birthday Leighton Hirsch David Wandersee
18 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 10:30 am (Onsite)	19 AA Meeting 8 pm	20 Quilters 9 am Church Council Mtg. 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Griffin Guetzkow Diane Holmes Kate Illies Michael Matson Mark Sandquist	21 Gr. 6-8 Confirmation Meeting 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Carson Demorett Stacey Lachermeier Brannon Volkart	22 Housekeepers 9 am	23 Happy Birthday Al Barfknecht Betty Brabec Debora Christensen JoAnn Lohmann	24 Happy Birthday Raymond Gersema Melissa Gruette
25 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 10:30 am (Onsite) Happy Birthday Emery Erickson Paige Haller Bill Whitehead	26 Apostles 8:30 am AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Jake Rosholt	27 Quilters 9 am Happy Birthday Alaia Lopez Linda Stieve Jen Tufte	28 6-8 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Alyson Blakstad Megan Vargo	29 Happy Birthday Curt Christensen Brett Leaf Denice Widmer	30 Happy Birthday Charli Fautsch Jackson Paschke Curt Sandquist	

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Last Month in Pictures



Fun and Friends at Vacation Bible School



Rails to Trails Parade & Blessing of the Wheels



Trinity Quilters Continue to Shine!

