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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

It's the beginning of another school year, which means it's a new beginning for all of us. With the coming of fall comes the beginning of

Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Gatherings, Choir Rehearsals, Band Rehearsals, and all the rest. And as we reach the beginning of our fall events, what better way to start our Sunday morning services with a return to the words that started it all: In the beginning...

When God created the universe, God put all kinds of things in it, things that are both beautiful and also terrible. This is the world God created, and it's the world we deal with every day. But in the midst of this beautiful and terrible world, we also have these words from God: Don't be afraid...

When God sent Abraham to a new land, God said, Don't be afraid... When God sent Moses to lead God's people to freedom in the Exodus, God said, Don't be afraid... When God sent the angel to Daniel in the lion's den, God said, Don't be afraid... When God sent young David to face the giant Goliath, God said, Don't be afraid... When God sent the angel to Mary when she was about to give birth to Jesus, the angel said, Don't be afraid... When Jesus spoke to his followers in his ministry, over and over he told them, Don't be afraid...

An exciting new year is upon us all. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid.

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm



SEPTEMBER 2023

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Worship
Sundays 9:00 am
Onsite & Online

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What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



Weekly Prayer Gathering Wednesdays at 12:30 pm

We are a people of prayer and believe God does amazing things when we simply ask Him. You are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm as we gather for an informal time of prayer for our congregation and community. Our weekly gatherings will begin on September 13.



Priscilla Circle Bible Study 2nd Mondays of the month 2:00 pm

Priscilla Circle's Bible Study topic for this year will be on the Ten Commandments. The author of the study helps us look at the Ten Commandments as God calling us into a relationship of goodness and delight, with practical, real-world implications. If you like to sing, study the Bible, pray, and gather in fellowship you might like to join Priscilla Circle! Contact Eileen Nelson at nelsej@gmail.com or 952-955-1491 for more information.

Looking Ahead: Trinity Worship Choir Rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 4 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Nylunda Chapel

Trinity's worship choir will start rehearsals again this fall and will sing during worship several times throughout the year. Rehearsals will take place for 3 to 4 Wednesdays before any given singing commitment. If you are interested in singing with the choir this year, please contact Hannah Rosholt at hrosholt@trin.org.



Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 10

Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us this school year! Sunday School begins at 10:00 am, just after our church service. In each lesson, kids will hear the featured Bible Story, watch a short learning video, explaining the Bible Story in modern, easy-to-understand language, explore the Big Idea with a game or activity, and sing songs of praise.

Register online at
www.trin.org/sundayschool

Interested in Helping with Sunday School?

Our Sunday School lessons are led by a rotation of wonderful volunteers. We can always use more help, so contact Hannah at hrosholt@trin.org if you're interested in volunteering.

Back-To-School Blessing Sunday, September 10

All students, teachers and school staff are invited to come and receive a Back-To-School Blessing during worship on Sunday, September 10! All the folks at Trinity will help you start the year out right: grounded in the faith, surrounded by the saints, and astounded by the amazing grace of God!

COMMUNITY groups

Better Together



Join a Community Groups at Trinity

We believe that life is better together and we invite you to build community at Trinity through our Community Groups. We are looking for individuals, couples and families interested in being a part of a Community Group that will meet three times, over a 3-month period, to share a meal and fellowship together. Join us for this short-term opportunity to get to know a few new people at Trinity and build connections!

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

OWLS OLDER, WISER LUTHERANS

Thursday, September 21 | 10:00 am

Life and Death: Christian Reflections of a Cancer Patient and his Hospice Nurse

You are invited to attend the next gathering of the Trinity OWLS when Trinity member Dick Erickson will talk about the cancer diagnosis he received a year ago. At this gathering, Dick and his hospice nurse will talk about both living well and dying well from their first-hand experience. All are welcome to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY

It's a new year and a brand new start for another year of Youth Ministry at Trinity! If you're in grades 9-12, watch your email for news about youth group events to come!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 27

Visit trin.org/confirmation for details

SUMMER MISSION TRIP



**Summer 2024 Mission Trip
Informational Meeting**
Wednesday, September 20
7:00 pm

In conjunction with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, we are working with a group called "Serve Boldly" in order to plan a Youth Mission Trip to Duluth next summer (**June 16-21, 2024**). The purpose of the trip: Empowering youth to accompany neighbors while growing deeper in their faith.

Details will be shared with youth in Grades 6 - 12 on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm (right after 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation Orientation). Please come and find out more about this exciting opportunity!

Congregational NEWS

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERAL

Helen Peterson

May 14, 1941 ~ July 21, 2023
Memorial Service August 4, 2023

NEW MEMBERS

Russ & Danita Kuntz

Mary Seifert



Teddy Bear Ministry

The Teddy Bear Ministry's purpose is to show God's love for those who are hurting through the loving gift of a soft, cuddly teddy bear. Trinity has Teddy Bears available for members to share with those who are going through especially difficult, even traumatic, situations. Bears can be given to all ages — to anyone who might be in need of a special "bear hug" during a difficult time. Request a Teddy Bear to give to someone who needs it today by contacting Cindy Essen at 612-816-3823 or email cessen@citlink.net.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

August 15, 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Fund summary July 2023

Beginning balance 7/1/2023:

-\$ 3,142.11

Operating Fund income: \$ 26,701.31

Operating Fund exps: \$ 34,946.45

Net balance (July): -\$ 8,245.14

Operating Fund balance as of

7/31/2023: -\$ 11,387.25

2023 operating fund EXPENSES exceeded INCOME by \$13,326.46.

Building Fund expenses:

Internal loan payment: \$ 5,000.00

Mortgage loan balance: \$95,000.00

Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$92,059.83

*(includes \$1,700.78 for Jul. federal withholding
and \$14,321.96 in hail damage receipts)*

Citizen's Building Fund: \$92,607.30

Comments:

- 6% of operating fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area Synod amounted to \$2,414.46.
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$1,223.31 (up from about \$330.00 from June).
- \$400.00 was paid to LSS, Love INC, and the Food Shelf from ERC money per July council meeting minutes.
- Valley Fair trip was \$1,052.65 including the bus. Partial cost

of tickets was reimbursed by participants. The church paid for chaperones and the bus.

- Robb Electric was paid for electric panel update with \$8,304.27 from property improvement fund and \$4,585.73 from property budget.

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PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor has been working with Hannah Rosholt to determine Children's Ministry options for the fall now that she has a full time teaching job. The staff is talking with Hubie Widmer about scheduling two Defibrillator Training events in the Fall, one for School Leaders and another for Council and other church leaders.

Upcoming dates:

- **August 10, 2023** Kickoff of the 2023-2024 Program Year! Worship at 9:00 am, Sunday School and fellowship at 10:00 am.
- **November 22, 2023** Trinity will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Trinity Tech Team has received bid proposals for Trinity's live streaming, and has also made a recommendation to proceed. Council has tabled this issue until the September Council meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

- No new business.



We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work! Over 240 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world, invited by global church partners to work together hand-in-hand. Some are doctors in rural areas. Others teach children where there are few opportunities to go to school. Others work in seminaries that prepare pastors and future church leaders. Others support, nurture and preach in some of the fastest growing Lutheran congregations in the world. No matter where or how they serve, every one of these missionaries needs your prayers, support and gifts to succeed in their work. Your gift connects you directly to these missionaries. You make their life-changing ministry happen.

SUPPORT

In the past, Trinity has supported specific missionaries in their work. Even though these specific pastors have now ended their service, you can still support the mission work of the ELCA with a \$25 gift.

You can sign up to support the ELCA Global Mission by adding your name on the calendar in the back of the sanctuary and placing cash or a check in the offering plate or directly to the church office. You can also give on Trinity's Online Giving page under 'Special Gifts'. Gifts supporting ELCA missionaries are a great gift for a birthday or anniversary or a meaningful way to remember or honor a loved one.



As a part of our increased awareness of health and safety at Trinity, we will be offering an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) informational session following worship on **Sunday, September 17.**

What is an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)?

An AED is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. The shock can potentially stop an irregular heart beat and allow a normal rhythm to resume following sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest occurs when the heart malfunctions and stops beating unexpectedly. If not treated within minutes, it quickly leads to death.

Because AEDs are portable, they can be used by non-medical people (lay rescuers). Although formal training in the use of an AED is not required, a familiarity with the AED's audible voice prompts is recommended. The voice prompts guide the user through the process. Most public buildings now have portable AEDs. Trinity's AED is located on the upper level on the wall outside the Library (near the elevator).

>> Trinity GROUPS

Quilting Ministry

Tuesdays | 9:00 am

Join the Trinity Quilters each Tuesday morning in the Nylunda 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.

Camp Christikon: A Trip to Remember

by Trinity Member Heidi Guetzkow

Camp Christikon is a Lutheran bible camp located in Montana, just 40 miles over the mountains from Yellowstone. When you backpack at Christikon, you journey into some of the world's most lovely country. And you journey – with new friends from all across the country – into an adventure of faith.

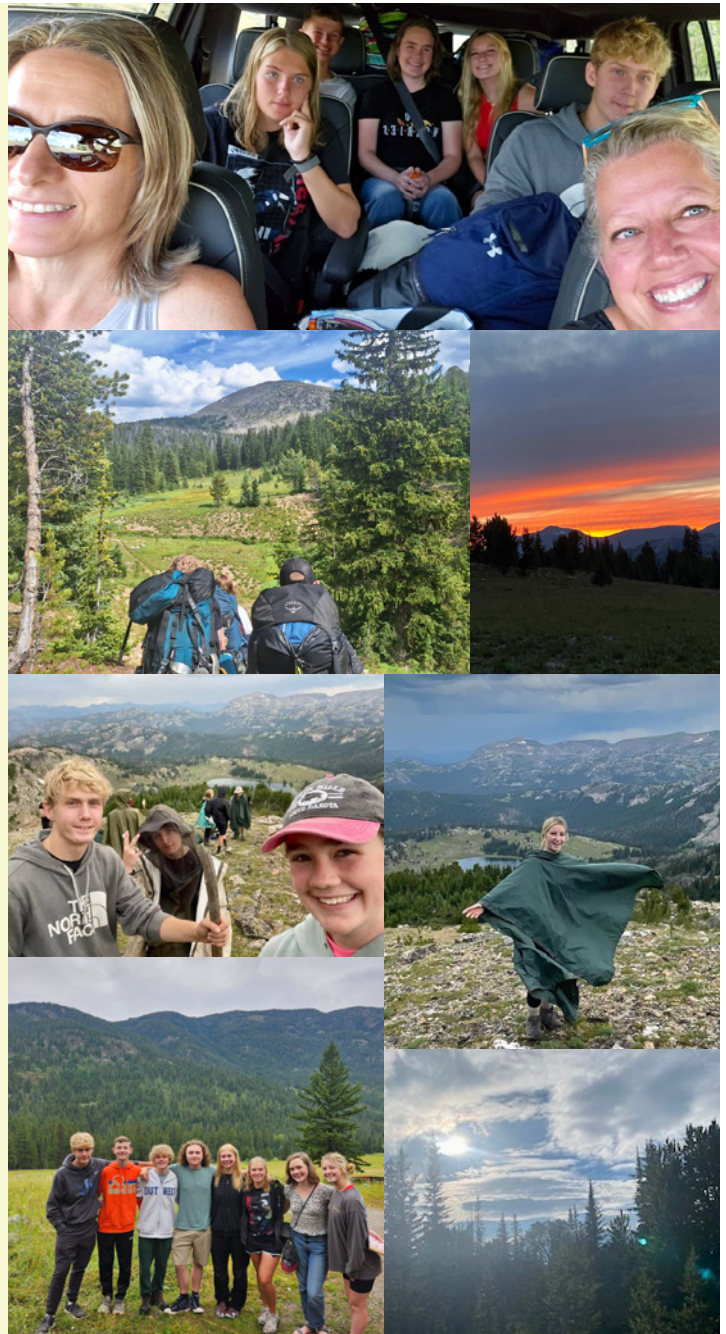
I had the tremendous experience of being a camper there in 1985. It was an amazing journey of finding strength, courage and faith while carrying a heavy backpack, climbing over rocks, through streams and across trails for a week-long adventure. Sometimes, our footsteps even led us above the clouds. How could you not feel closer to God in a place like this?

With fond memories of my experience and a shared adventurous spirit of my kids in mind, I knew planning a week at Camp Christikon would be a great next step in the faith building journey for any of our Trinity's high schoolers. Four fearless Trinity kiddos, my sister in law (co-pilot) and I departed on July 29 for our 17 hour trip to camp. After a few hours of quiet reflection, or maybe just nerves, the car began to buzz with conversation and laughter. With each roadside stop – the chatter grew.

By the time we were winding our way the final few miles to camp, on a road only fit for off-road vehicles (or a Bronco), these kids were bursting with excitement. Enthralled with the beauty of God's land and the adventure that stood before them – Diana, Greta, Griffin and Tyler were ready to embark on their own faithful journeys.

After their week at camp, it was apparent, the majestic feelings I had 38 years ago, were the very same feelings these teens had now. Success! The ride home was filled with laughter and story-telling, picture sharing, common connections and yes, faith!

Thank you Trinity for helping make this journey possible and a HUGE thank you to Pam Olson for her generous donation not only for these campers, but for more campers in the future. We can't wait to go back!



from the **CAMPERS**

During my time at Christikon I really got to connect with God and all of creation. I can't say "thank you" enough!

Thank you for this amazing experience!

Thanks for helping give me this experience of a lifetime. Hiking and living in some of God's most beautiful creation was an experience of a lifetime.

Thank you! I feel so much closer to God!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA www.trin.org					1 Happy Birthday Maren McCain	2 Happy Birthday Jack Brueggemeier Denyalle Hembroff Kathryn Hoover John Mueller Alex Phearman
3 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am Happy Birthday Logan Matson	4 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Sarah Chellen Noah Isakson Scott Isakson Allison Kind Janice Peterson	5 Quilters 9 am	6 Worship Band 7:30 pm	7 Happy Birthday Red Kirkman Andy McCain Brenda Reardon Claire Sieling	8	9 Happy Birthday Mary Beck Shelby Mueller
10 BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am Sunday School 10 am Happy Birthday Jennifer Helmbrecht	11 Apostles 8:30 am Priscilla Circle 2 pm AA Meeting 8 pm	12 Quilters 9 am Happy Birthday Gina Phearman	13 Prayer Gathering 12:30 pm Gr. 9 Confirmation Meeting 6:30 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm	14 Finance Committee 6:30 pm	15	16 Happy Birthday Susan Engholm
17 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am Sunday School 10 am Happy Birthday Leighton Hirsch David Wandersee	18 AA Meeting 8 pm	19 Quilters 9 am Church Council Mtg. 6:30 pm	20 Prayer 12:30 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation Meeting 6:30 pm Mission Trip Meeting 7:00 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm Happy Birthday Griffin Guetzkow Diane Holmes Kate Illies Michael Matson	21 OWLS 10 am Happy Birthday Stacey Lachermeier Brannon Volkart	22	23 Happy Birthday Al Barfknecht Betty Brabec Debora Christensen JoAnn Lohmann
24 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am Sunday School 10 am Happy Birthday Raymond Gersema Melissa Gruette	25 Apostles 8:30 am AA Meeting 8 pm	26 Quilters 9 am	27 Prayer 12:30 pm 6-8 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm Happy Birthday Alaia Lopez Linda Stieve Jen Tufte	28 Housekeepers 9 am Tidings 9:30 am Happy Birthday Alyson Blakstad	29 Happy Birthday Curt Christensen Brett Leaf Denice Widmer	30 Happy Birthday Charli Fautsch Curt Sandquist



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