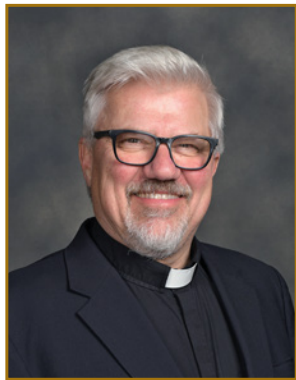




# TIDINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



Summer is upon us, and along with it a change in our schedules. School is out, traveling has begun, and we're moving into "summer mode" as we try to find time to enjoy the sunshine, fresh air, and a quieter pace. For many of us, summer means traveling, whether it be a long vacation on the road or just a few nights away from the routine. Or maybe summer simply means having a "staycation", where your body stays put while your mind takes a mental break.

No matter what kind of traveling you will be doing this summer, one thing is sure: God will be with you wherever you go. At the end of Jesus' ministry on earth, he said these words plain and clear: Remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. (Matthew 28:20)

On this day, you might be looking forward to a trip to "the end of the world" where life is peaceful, calm, and serene. On the other hand, you might feel like you are experiencing "the end of the world" right now due to difficulties, hardship, or disappointment. But no matter what your "end of the world" looks like, rest assured that God is there with you, celebrating with you, suffering with you, simply being present with you. On this day, Jesus says, "Be at peace, I am with you." And to that, we simply say, "Amen!"

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm



JUNE / JULY 2023

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**Worship**  
**Sundays 9:00 am**  
**Onsite & Online**

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# What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



## Summer Sermon Series: The Stories of Jesus

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love.*

The world seems complicated these days, doesn't it? There's so much going on in our state, nation, and world, sometimes it all just seems overwhelming! So this summer we're going back to the basics, back to the heart of our faith. Each week at worship we're simply going to hear a story of Jesus and consider what it means for our lives. Nothing fancy, nothing complicated, just the simple stories of faith that we all know and love. Join us each Sunday morning, onsite and online, as we consider "the old, old story of Jesus and his love."



## Feed My Starving Children

Wednesday, June 14 | 3:30 pm

Join Trinity for an intergenerational opportunity to help combat world hunger by packing meals at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen. Anyone in kindergarten and older is welcome to participate. Please sign up by contacting Eileen Nelson at 952-955-1491 or nelsej@gmail.com.



## Outdoor Service with Pet Blessing

Sunday, July 30 | 9:00 am

Please join us the weekend of Watertown's "Rails to Trails" city festival, as we gather in the Trinity backyard for an outdoor worship service. Bring your lawn chairs, bring your singing voices, and bring your pets for a special Pet Blessing on that day! (For those joining us online, we'll have a special prayer for your pets, too!)



## Steeple Blessing Sunday, June 4

The Trinity steeple was removed last fall and has recently been replaced! Join us on Sunday, June 4, when we'll gather outside at the foot of the steeple right after worship for a special prayer of dedication for the steeple that lifts the cross high for the entire community to see!



# Children's Ministry

## Children's Ministry Update

from Children's Ministry Coordinator,  
Hannah Rosholt

The school year is almost done, and summer is on the horizon! Our main event this summer will be Vacation Bible School on June 19 - 22. If you haven't signed your child up yet, you can register at [www.trin.org/vbs](http://www.trin.org/vbs). We can use all kinds of volunteers from those hands-on with the kids to behind-the-scenes helpers. Contact Hannah at [hrosholt@trin.org](mailto:hrosholt@trin.org) if you are willing to help.

Have a fun and safe summer, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or just to say hi!



## Congratulations Class of 2023!

On Sunday, May 21, Trinity honored our high school graduates with a handmade quilt, our best wishes and God's blessings as they move onto their next adventures. **Congratulations Destini Bergstrom, Nora Delaney, Greta Gersema, Rece Illies, Kylie Jerde, Justin Kind, Leah Kohls, Brett Leaf, Luke Maas, John Mueller, EllaMae Neaton, Abby Otto, Sophia Paschke, Ben Ragner, Tucker Ritter, Jacob Rowan, Albert Rundell, Erin Singsank, Kameron Tufte, and Hailey Volkart.**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation also awarded college scholarships to Justin Kind, Tucker Ritter, Luke Maas (*Frank Kaduk Memorial*), Albert Rundell (*Trinity Preschool Scholarship and Bergstrom Memorial*), and Jacob Rowan (*Trinity Preschool Scholarship and Sandquist Music Memorial*).

**The Trinity Foundation gratefully accepts donations to any of the scholarship funds throughout the year. You can give your gift directly to Trinity Lutheran Church and designate it to the scholarship of your choice.**



## OWLS Summer Gathering

Thursday, June 15 | 10:00 am

The OWLS fellowship group has been invited to a summer gathering at the home of Tami Kuntz. Enjoy time in her garden, conversation and refreshments together. Please contact Corky Ibeling at 952-955-2634 if you would like to join the group. We'll meet, rain or shine, at 9:45 am in the church parking lot to carpool.

## OWLS Summer Service Project

This summer, we'll also be collecting school supplies to support Watertown-Mayer Elementary School teachers. Drop off donations of notebooks, folders, crayons, markers, colored pencils, dry erase markers, etc. anytime to the church office this summer. Financial donations can be given to Trinity Lutheran Church with a designation of WM School Supplies. Thanks for your donations!



# Last Month in Pictures

There are lots of Spring activities happening at Trinity — bringing lots of reasons to celebrate! The High School Seniors received quilts on Graduate Blessing Sunday, Elementary Kids expressed their creativity through art, the Trinity Apostles gathered for work projects, and we worshiped together with singing, prayers, and Children's Moments. And the Trinity Steeple was returned to its perch high atop our bell tower!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Hugo Neaton	2  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Carter Blacketter Tami Kugler	3  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sheryl Forcier Brock Kohls Erin Singsank
4 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Abby Otto Vic Thonn Megan Whitehead	5 <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Connor Kendall	6 <b>Quilters</b> 9 am  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jeremy Dulas	7  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Kendra Tufte	8  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Greta Guetzkow Fiona Williams	9 <b>Helen Groninga Memorial Service</b> 11 am  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Lois Geyen Sophia Paschke	10  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Zackery Gallus Sophia Tronnes
11 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Kennedy Dalbey Logan Olson	12 <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Bella Drews Kim Scanlon	13 <b>Quilters</b> 9 am	14  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Ali Matson	15 <b>OWLS</b> 9:45 am <b>Finance Committee</b> 6:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Bruce Akins Cyndee Emmons Marilyn Panzer	16  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Christian Semeja	17  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Olivia Flannery Madelyn Johnson Betty Sommerfeld
18 <b>FATHERS DAY</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jeremy Bauernfeind	19 <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <b>Vacation Bible School</b> June 19 - 22 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm	20 <b>Quilters</b> 9 am <b>Church Council Mtg.</b> 6:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Gwen Dalchow Pam Diesman Shirley Johnson	21  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jim Gersema	22 <b>Housekeepers</b> 9 am  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Oliver Baluski Aria Lopez	23  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Emily Gruette Rob Illies	24
25 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am	26 <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jill Diers Kaye Kohls Nancy Pickering	27 <b>Quilters</b> 9 am  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Lyndzi Durkin Terri Gens Eric Hagelin Mitchell Markgraf	28  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Anna Eklund Sawyer Hill Shelley Holmes Chad Jones Anne Otto Tyler Stutsman	29  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Lennon Hill	30  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sara Baluski Jeff Jackson Albert Rundell Hubie Widmer	



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Laura Anderson
2 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Tyler Berscheit	3 <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i> <b>Quilters</b> 9 am  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Angie Dulas Dean Loehrs Jared Sieling	5	6  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sue Magnuson Stephanie Schmidt	7  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Geri Hagelin	8  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Corky Ibeling Debbie Tuvey Owen Utendorfer
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30 <b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Steve Hendricks Patty Jorgensen- Flannery	31 <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm					

# Congregational NEWS

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 16, 2023

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Operating Fund summary April 2023

#### Beginning balance 4/1/2023:

**-\$ 5,241.99**

Operating Fund income: \$39,336.46

Operating Fund exps: \$36,627.42

Net balance (April): \$ 2,709.04

#### Operating Fund balance as of

**4/30/2023: -\$ 2,532.95**

#### 2023 operating fund EXPENSES exceeded INCOME by \$4,472.16.

#### Building Fund expenses:

Internal loan payment: \$ 5,000.00

#### Mortgage loan balance:

**\$110,000.00**

#### Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$61,677.29

(includes \$1,794.86 for April federal  
withholding and \$14,321.96 in hail  
damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$92,732.51

#### Comments:

- 6% of general fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area Synod amounted to \$2,257.00

- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$1,453.05 (down about \$930.00 from March).
- \$350.00 was paid for March snow removal.
- \$1,655.13 was paid to fix the leak in the roof in the Pioneer Room.
- AED battery replaced at a cost of \$460.44.

*M/S/C Tammy Vraspir, Corky Ibeling, carried*

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Engholm attended the Festival of Preaching for a Continued Education event, to sharpen his preaching skill, but also to play for several worship services with his bluegrass band. Pastor is excited to be wrapping up another year of events with confirmation, Sunday School, choirs, and bands. We'll have a great summer, of course, and then begin again in the fall.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Council retreat set for July 18, 2023.
- Jason gave an update on the Tech Committee. They are moving forward with the details for live streaming our worship services.

### NEW BUSINESS

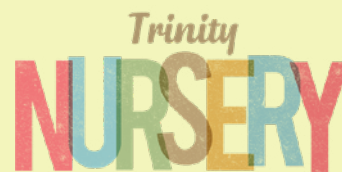
- New booster heater on dishwasher has been installed.

## MEMORIALS

*in memory of*

**Russell Jerde**

\$20 ~ Undesignated  
Memorial Fund



### Trinity Nursery Attendant Openings

The staffed nursery has been greatly appreciated by Trinity families. We are in search of 1-2 high schoolers or adults to serve as Nursery Attendants for the coming school year. Those interested must be 16 years old or older, have a passion for kids, and should be able to commit to one to two Sunday mornings per month. This is a paid position! The time commitment will be 8:30-10:30 am on Sunday mornings. Please contact Hannah Rosholt at [hrosholt@trin.org](mailto:hrosholt@trin.org) if interested or for more information.



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**June 19 - 22 • 5:30-7:30 pm**  
For 3 year olds thru 4th Grade.  
You're invited to four fun-filled days of VBS!

**Register online at [www.trin.org/vbs](http://www.trin.org/vbs)**

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