



# TIDINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



## A New Re-formation

It's October, which means it's time to honor our Lutheran heritage by celebrating the Reformation at the end of the month. In case you're new to our history or need a refresher, the Lutheran Reformation began on October 31, 1517 when Martin Luther nailed 95 theses (challenges) to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. He was raising questions about the current practices of the church, many of which were backward, dated, and

even harmful. Martin Luther wanted to remind the church that God is always doing a new thing, reshaping, refining, and REFORMING God's precious people.

It feels like we have been going through another kind of re-formation over the past two and a half years as a result of the global pandemic that swept through our community, country, and world. During that time, Trinity adopted a phrase that helped us stick together through that trying time: "Stay Calm. Stay Connected." This little saying helped us remember what's most important in life, especially when everything seems to be unstable. Thank you for taking this to heart during these days!

But now we are at a new place in our life together. We don't want to simply survive the storm, we want to thrive and move into a new future. So while it's true that we still want to "stay calm and stay connected", we have a larger vision that is now before us: We are about "Faithful Living and Changing Lives."

At the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus told his followers that he would never leave them with these words: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) As we walk deeper into this new day, may we remember that God is bringing us through a new Re-formation, full of light and life. Shine on!

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm



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

### STAFF:

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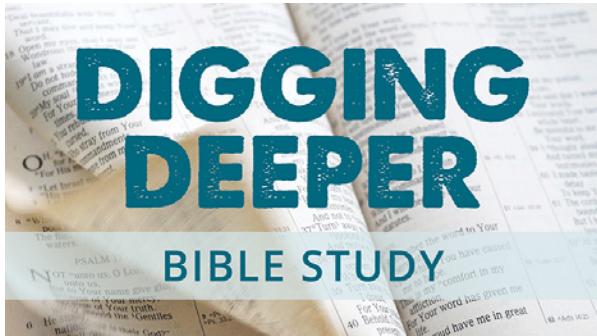
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# What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?

## First Sunday Fellowship & Treats

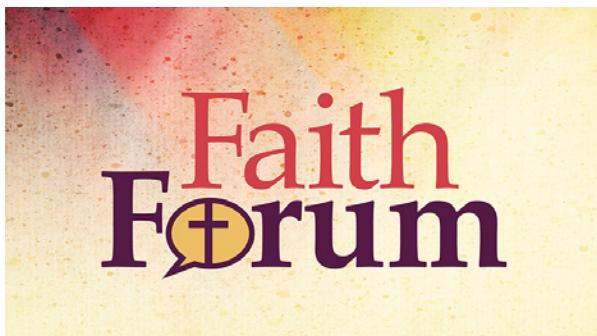
Each Sunday morning, you're invited to enjoy coffee and conversation together between worship services at 10:00 am. Most Sundays, this takes place upstairs in the Gathering Hall just outside of the church office, but on the first Sunday of each month, we invite you to go downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats around the tables. We will also celebrate birthdays for the month with donuts, singing, and smiles!



## Digging Deeper Bible Study

Sunday, October 16 | 10:00 am

Our Digging Deeper series will take place on the third Sunday of each month to dig deeper into the scripture reading for the day. All are welcome to join Pastor Jeff in the Conference Room for this discussion.



## Sunday Morning Faith Forum

Sunday, October 23 | 10:00 am

These faith forums will be topical in nature as we discuss our response as thoughtful, faithful Christians to the current events of the day. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation on the fourth Sunday of each month in the Conference Room.



## Rite of Confirmation

Celebrate with the following students as they affirm their baptisms at their Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, October 9 at the 10:30 am worship service.

Riley Delaney  
Carter Erickson  
Joel Gjertson  
Griffin Guetzkow  
Emily Hecksel  
Drew Isakson  
Matthew Isakson  
Jenna Kohls  
Zachary Lohmann  
Eliza Rowan  
Hannah Skahaug  
Samuel Tronnes



Thursday, October 20 | 9:30 am

Join Trinity's OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group for breakfast at R & B Cafe in downtown Watertown. RSVP to Sandy Beckman at 952-955-1780 by September 18.

## Trinity Worship Choir

We are excited to start up rehearsals for Trinity's Worship Choir. The choir will be led by Hannah Rosholt and is open to adults and teens. If you would like to be a part of the choir or want more information, please contact Hannah at [hrosholt@trin.org](mailto:hrosholt@trin.org) for more details!

# Children's Ministry

## Children's Ministry Updates



### "Hear Me Roar" at Sunday School

We are wrapping up our "Animated" series and heading into "ROAR," a 5-week series about Daniel! There's a reason lions are symbols of courage — even their roars (which can be heard up to five miles away) tell us how strong they are! And because of God's promises, we can be as strong and bold as lions, too. In this five-week series, kids will learn important truths from the life of Daniel they'll want to shout (or roar!), like how we don't have to give up and don't have to feel alone. Instead, we can keep learning and not be afraid, even when we don't know the future. Why? Because God is with us!

### Children's Choir

Trinity Children's Choir is open to kids in Grades 2 – 6! Rehearsals begin in November, and we're singing on Sunday, November 20! If your child is interested in participating, please contact Hannah Rosholt at [hrosholt@trin.org](mailto:hrosholt@trin.org).

## Trinity NURSERY

The Trinity Nursery is staffed from 8:45 - 10:30 am each Sunday morning and is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your children (6 months and older) before or during worship and sign in with the Nursery Staff.

Check out these great

# Halloween



activities happening at  
Trinity this month!

### Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf

Sunday, October 23 | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Our Trinity youth will be going door to door in groups to collect donations for the Watertown Friends for Life Food Shelf. Pizza afterward downtown with other participating churches! Confirmation and Youth families will receive more details about this event by email this month.



## TRUNK or TREAT

Friday, October 28 | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

It's back! Trinity families, friends and neighbors are invited to "trunk-or-treat" from vehicle to vehicle in the Trinity parking lot. There will be hot dogs and apples to eat, games to play, and treats to get! Start decorating your vehicle and choosing your costume so you can share in all the fun with the kids!

### For this event, we are looking for volunteers to:

- decorate a trunk
- help with games
- help cook/serve the food
- help with clean up after the event
- donate candy

If you can help with any of these items, please email Mary Gallus at [marygallus@live.com](mailto:marygallus@live.com).

### Downtown Watertown Trick or Treat

Monday, October 31 | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Trinity will be joining other local businesses downtown as we pass out treats in this annual Watertown event. See you there!

# Congregational NEWS

## MEMORIALS

*in memory of*

### Bernadette Sandquist

Altar Guild ~ \$10

Quilting ~ \$40

Capital Appeal/Building ~ \$25

To be designated ~ \$1,315

### Dan Hoese

General memorial ~ \$10



### October is Pastor Appreciation Month

There are not enough words to describe how precious pastors are. God has given us pastors to see to it that we are taken care of spiritually and He has blessed Trinity with Pastor Jeff Engholm. We want to express our sincere appreciation for all that he does for our congregation.

**Take a moment this month to reflect on Trinity's blessings and to say thank you to Pastor Jeff for his part in them.**

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 20, 2022

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### General Fund summary August 2022

##### Beginning balance 8/1/2022:

**-\$ 8,251.39**

Operating Fund income: \$ 23,550.09

Operating Fund exps: \$ 28,643.53

Net balance (August): -\$ 5,093.44

##### General Fund balance as of 8/31/2022: **-\$13,344.83**

##### Year-to date general fund EXPENSES exceed INCOME by **\$26,377.50.**

##### Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 546.03

Loan principal payment: \$ 1,790.97

Add'l principal payment: \$ 2,663.00

##### Mortgage loan balance:

**\$ 167,976.97**

##### Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$ 39,992.10

(includes \$1,648 for Aug. federal withholding and \$11,270.78 in hail damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$148,842.00

##### Comments:

- 6% of operating fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area Synod amounted to \$1,412.76
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$1,253.83 (up about \$87.00 from July)

M/S/C Nancy Pickering / Ken Tufte / carried

### PASTOR'S REPORT

- Joy Rundell, Penny Koets, and Hannah Rosholt will be part of a

rotation of worship accompanists.

Penny will lead the Praise Band.

- Hannah working with the older Sunday School to create a new children's choir and putting together a new adult choir.
- Trinity's new Gospel Band will be part of the Sunday morning worship rotation.
- Bell Choir is still being worked on.
- Robyn Behrens and Eileen Nelson are working on a new church directory. Information to congregation will be announced at Sunday services on September 25 and October 2.
- Bible study "Digging Deeper" sessions have resumed once a month.
- Additional Sunday morning discussion groups once a month will be called "Faith Forums".
- "Community Group" Ministry and "Grief Groups" planned for the fall.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Communion Sundays will have 2 stations at the 9:00 service and 1 station at the 10:30 service.
- Annual Stewardship drive will move from Fall to Winter (January).
- Property Committee Update: Steeple and Bell Tower replacement/repair still on track for late September, early October.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Property Committee is requesting bids for a new dishwasher.
- Agreement (encroachment) with neighbor to build fence on property line at no cost to the church.
- Motion to keep Pastor Engholm's insurance as is on Portico's GOLD+ plan.

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## It's time for a New Directory!



## Our New Church Directory Will Not Be Complete Without You!

Trinity is working on a new church photo directory. It has been a while since our last directory and there have been a lot of changes since then. Whether you are a lifelong member or you are new to Trinity, we would like to include you in our photo directory.

### Photography Dates: November 8 – 12, 2022

Schedule your professional photography session at the sign-up table at church between services on Sunday mornings or schedule online on Trinity's website, [www.trin.org](http://www.trin.org). Simply scroll down on our home page to find the sign up link and use the information below to login to Trinity's account.

**Church Code: mn285 | Password: photos**

Everyone who is photographed for the directory will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a printed directory. You will also have the option to buy other photos and photo packages if you desire.

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. If you have questions, please contact the church office or Eileen Nelson at 952-955-1491 or [nelsej@gmail.com](mailto:nelsej@gmail.com).



### Royals Room Donations

Trinity is partnering with Watertown-Mayer Elementary School again

this year to help support students with some basic needs. During the month of October, the Royals Room is in need of healthy, peanut-free, non-perishable snacks such as applesauce pouches, goldfish, veggie straws, or pretzels. Cash donations are also appreciated. Drop off items at the Donation Station near Trinity's main parking lot entrance.

## Property Committee UPDATE

This fall, work will be done on Trinity's steeple. The steeple was damaged in a hail storm in August of 2019. After two years of exploring options, we decided, in consultation with our insurance company, that replacing the steeple would be the best course of action. We also decided that with the work being done on the steeple, it would be a good time to fix the leaking roof under the bell in the bell tower. This will allow us to share resources of equipment, time & labor, and materials. Doing one big project is cheaper than doing the jobs separately.

The first phase of the project, beginning in early October, will include removing the existing steeple, repairing the lower bell tower roof, and prepping and waterproofing the existing upper roof for the new steeple. The second phase will be started in early 2023 and involves placing the new steeple onto the roof.

We understand Trinity Lutheran Church will be without a steeple for several months, but this timeline is the best option available to us in regards to weather and guaranteed bid pricing.

Project costs are being split into two categories, one for the bell tower and the other for the steeple. The congregation will cover the cost of the bell tower repair, and our insurance company will cover the cost of the steeple replacement. The bell tower project was approved in conjunction with the 2019 Capital Appeal. We budgeted \$50,000 for the project and barring unforeseen problems, we should be within budget.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the Property Committee.

Dan Sieling  
Property Committee Chair

# Last Month in Pictures



A great kick-off to our program year and Sunday School!



Outdoor Service & Pet Blessing



Thanks to our talented seamstresses  
for making Confirmation Stoles



On September 19, Love INC Heartland delivered personal care items to 13 families that are enrolled in the Fresh Start Program. Thank you to Trinity Lutheran Church for your generous donations and the room to store them in at your church. You are a blessing.

Mary Fritz Barfknecht, Love INC Volunteer

## Most needed items for our next Fresh Start delivery:

- Brown paper grocery bags (handles preferred)
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Women's Deodorant
- Women's & Men's Shaving Cream
- Kleenex
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste
- Dish Soap

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <p><b>TRINITY</b> LUTHERAN WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA   <a href="http://www.trin.org">www.trin.org</a></p>					<h1>October 2022</h1>
2 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am <b>Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Chrissy Johnson, Amanda Kohls, Julia Salzsiedler	3 <b>Book Club</b> 6:30 pm <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm	4 <b>Quilters</b> 9 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> David Olson, Addison Paschke, Jeff Tronnes	5 <b>6-8 Confirm.</b> 6:30 pm <b>Worship Choir</b> 6:30 pm <b>Praise Band</b> 7:30 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Emily Hecksel, Anita Huber, Hal Pysick	6  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Kristine Erickson Jackson Jones Alden Sandquist Cathy Vanderbilt	7  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Tracie Hill Matt Williams	8  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ryan Hallermann Ethan McCleary
9 <b>CONFIRMATION</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am <b>Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Gary Harding Ed Rundell	10 <b>Apostles</b> 8:30 am <b>Priscilla Circle</b> 2 pm <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Patrick Essen Ronna Ritter	11 <b>Quilters</b> 9 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Morgan Tatge	12 <b>6-8 Confirm.</b> 6:30 pm <b>Worship Choir</b> 6:30 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i>	13 <b>Finance Committee</b> 6:30 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Steven Markgraf William Stenson	14  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Anna Barknecht Joshua Guetzkow	15  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Laura Hagelin Rachel Vargo
16 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am <b>Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Dig Deeper</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Eliot Fautsch Glen Sandquist	17 <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Isabela Christensen Jason Emmons Mary Paschke	18 <b>Quilters</b> 9 am <b>Church Council Mtg.</b> 6:30 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Rob Lohmann Valerie McCain	19 <i>No Confirmation Class</i> <b>Praise Band</b> 7:30 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Austin Barknecht Elaine Beckstrom Stacy Guetzkow	20 <b>OWLS</b> 9:30 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Emmett Danielson Sawyer Ritter	21  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Zackary Eliason Arlin Sieling	22  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Sarah Barknecht Nick Neaton Joy Rundell
23 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am <i>No Sunday School</i> <b>Faith Forum</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am <b>Food Shelf Trick or Treat Event</b> 4 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Vivian Stenson	24 <b>Apostles</b> 8:30 am <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Jill Matson Nancy Stello	25 <b>Quilters</b> 9 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Paul Christensen Jordyn Prigge	26 <b>6-8 Confirm.</b> 6:30 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Daniel Gjertson Matt Scanlon Leif Schmidt	27 <b>Housekeepers</b> 9 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Dru Illies Dale Loehrs Marilyn Weiland	28 <b>Trunk or Treat</b> 6 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Allison Neaton Mary Sloan	29
30 <b>REFORMATION</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 10 am <b>Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Scott Phearnan Stephanie Semeja	31 <b>Downtown Trick or Treat</b> 4 pm <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Matthew Gallus					



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*Living* in the present

During Martin Luther's great struggle to reform the church in the 16th century, the Holy Roman Emperor sought to silence him. So he spent some lonely months in Wartburg Castle under protective custody. There, as he fought despair, Luther scribbled the words "I am baptized" on his desktop as a reminder that he was living according to an ongoing call from God. He did not write, "I was baptized" but used the present-tense verb. For he rightly understood that in his baptism, God had adopted him as his son, and no human could take that from him.

Later, in his Large Catechism, Luther wrote: "To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by human beings but by God himself. Although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own act."

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