

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

I was so pleased to see the great turnout for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on August 13. If you were there – thanks for being there! If you weren't able to make it, we missed you! I do want to take a minute to thank some of the “unsung heroes” of that celebration. There were many people who put a lot of effort over the course of more than a year to prepare for the celebration, and I want to acknowledge all that they did.

I would start with our anniversary committee, chaired by Leon Dawkins. I was pleased to see the servant hearts and collaborative spirit demonstrated by our committee. Each member contributed from the skills, talents, and time they had to make our celebration great. I mentioned that Leon served as committee chair. Also serving on the committee were Kristi Auck, Lori Dawkins, Ken Erlandson, Toni Erlandson, Ken Heidorn, Sue Heidorn, Dave Schlicker. Cindy Schmidt, Jon Schoening, and Martin Wellbrock.

A particular thank you is warranted for Kristi Auck. She really had a vision for the anniversary banquet, and it was great to see her vision become reality. Thank you also to Deanna and the crew from Double A Catering for the wonderful food we were blessed to share.

I also want to thank everyone who volunteered as servers and clean-up crew for the meal. I don't have a full rundown of the entire crew, but please know your efforts were appreciated – and it was a blessing to all in attendance. It was great to see many hands make light work.

You may have noticed a special “Built on the Rock” banner that has been hanging in the church since last fall. We thank Char Dale for making this banner for our congregation. On the celebration day, you may have noticed another banner that had been updated. This banner had originally been created by the late Jan Forer and was updated by Char. We thank the Lord that we are still blessed by Jan's work, and thank you Char!

Over the course of the year you may also have noticed the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo. This logo was used on various printings, on shirts, even on the Christmas ornaments that we distributed last year. This logo was designed by Stephanie Heidorn, daughter of Ken and Toni and daughter-in-law of Ken and Sue. Thank you, Stephanie!

In the days leading up to the anniversary an article about the congregation's history appeared in the Fergus Daily Journal. While she did not receive attribution in print, the majority of the article was written by former Trinity member Carol Stender. Thank you for the time and effort that you put into this article, Carol!

You may have noticed a number of displays that appeared around the facility. Many thanks to our Sue Heidorn and Rachael Larson, who used their “teacher skills” to put together the many fine displays. They also put together the invitations that were distributed.

Thank you to Bonnie Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Leon Dawkins, and all who participated in the bell and vocal choirs for adding all the special music to the celebration service. Thank you also to Pastor Lange and Pastor Christensen for participating in the service, and Pastor Fondow for serving as our special guest preacher.

Thank you to Ken Heidorn and Lori Dawkins for the many photographs taken during the celebration. These pictures will help us to remember the day for years to come. Thank you to Sarah Goerdt for all the extra tasks that she has carried out over the last year for the anniversary. From mailing lists to extra bulletins, there has been plenty out of the church office.

I am sure there are even more folks who we ought to recognize for their contributions. Please note that every act of service has been appreciated. We all are blessed to have celebrated this sesquicentennial. Now to look forward to 151+!

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Lieske



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## Bible Study Opportunities

- † **Sunday Mornings**— 10:30 am Adult & Teen Bible Study
- † **Tuesday Mornings**—8:00 am Men's Morning Bible Study
- † **Tuesday Afternoons**— 2:00pm Women's Bible Study

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DARTBALL:** The time is rapidly approaching to start another season of dartball with the men from Zion in Detroit Lakes and Our Redeemer in Moorhead. We will be hosting the first night of the season at Trinity on Mon, Sept. 11 at 7:00 and will need to be prepared with food, fun and fellowship for 30+ men. You are encouraged to give it a try since you wouldn't believe how much fun it is to play! Please talk with Dave Schneeberger or give him a call at 205-6587 if you have questions or are interested in joining us.

**ADOPT A SEMINARY STUDENT:** Ezekiel Grabau is on his second year in the seminary at Fort Wayne. The last 2 Sunday's of September will be Adopt Seminary Student Sunday's. Special envelopes will be available in the Narthex. Your continued support is appreciated.

**BON FIRE:** Join us for a night of fellowship and fun with a Bonfire on the Hill, September 22. All are welcome! Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** April 20th, The Stewardship Board is planning to hold an “End of Life” seminar with speakers discussing the importance of items such as wills, power of attorney, health directives, “my funeral plans”, etc. More details will be forth coming.

**FIRST ANNUAL TURTLE MOUNTAIN LADIES' RETREAT:** Please join us September 29 - October 1, 2023 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads for the First Annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together, family style, to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship. Our speaker, Rev. William Cwirla, a former president of Higher Things, will present on the topic Simul Justus Et Peccator "Simultaneously Justified and Sinner." The Event begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$150.00 which includes all food and lodging. Registration is capped at the first 50 who mail in their registration form and \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. Complete retreat information will be sent out to registrants in advance of the retreat. We hope you will join us for this wonderful opportunity. For information contact Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net or 281.770.6686, mobile.

**Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday**

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3 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Adult & Teen Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School	4 Labor Day (Church Office Closed)	5 First Day Of School 8:00am Men's Bible Study @ Trinity 9:10am Chapel 7:00pm Trustee Mtg	6 10:00am Lydia Circle Meeting 12:00pm Bulletin Item Due	7 12:00pm Crafters 12:30pm Quilters 6:30pm Evening Circle Meeting	8	9 9-1:00pm Trinity Crafters @ The Farmers Market	
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**Ongoing Concern:**  
 Janet Maack, David Boese, Brian Fitzner, Jeremy Elshaug, Elaine Culp, Gene True, Kim Dewey (Laura Dewey's mother-in-law), Bev Gabe (Jan Prause's sister), Jennifer Wood (Jerald & Tami Gerhardson's daughter), Jim Anderson (Cal & Helen Johansen's friend), Jon Jastram (Phyllis Jastram's son), Dylan Maack (Bob & Janet Maack's grandson), Robin Roberts (Austin & Elaine Culp's daughter), Richard Lieske (Pastor's uncle), Doug Litrich (Melvin & Marlene Reed's son-in-law), Missy Emerich (daughter-in-law of Cal & Helen Johansen) Alex Trinkle (friend of Jakob Ness's), Stephen Hauser (David Hauser's brother), Evelyn Voltz (David Schlicker's sister)

**Homebound:**  
 Gary Froehlich, Donna Kolle, Fern Rau, Dick Anderson, Lois Helm, Lucille Harworth, Wally Lubben, Marlys Lueders, Ron Schulz, Evelyn Rud Lorraine Drews, Lucille Scramstad

**Military:**  
 Major Dennis Gerold, U.S.A.F., Travis AFB, CA (Lori & Leon Dawkins' son-in-law), Tech Sargent Isaac Christopher, U.S.A.F., Andrews Air Force Base, Washington D.C. (Donna Christopher's grandson); MMN2, Major George Hauser, DDS U.S. Army, Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX; (David & Mary Hauser's son) Gabe Johnson, MN National Guard, (Ken & Toni Erlandson's son); Major Dinsmore, MD MN National Guard (Al & Marcie Koennicke's grandson)

Call the Church Office with special prayer requests

A live, up-to-date calendar is available at [www.trinityff.org/calendar](http://www.trinityff.org/calendar)  
 Please check the online calendar throughout the month for any changes.