



THE TRINITY TRIBUNE

The monthly newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church & School in Fergus Falls, MN

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SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE PLANS

September 1 — Matins Hymns 905, 566, 655, 629, 565, 924	September 22 —Divine Service 3 Hymns 825, 851, 716, 637, 730, 454
September 8 — Matins Hymns 908, 797, 841, 528, 842, 551	September 29 —Divine Service 3 (St. Michael and All Angels) (Athanasian Creed)
September 15 — Matins Hymns 901, 849, 533, 620, 783, 870	Hymns 902, 522, 525, 549, 421, 793

SERVING THE LORD AND YOU

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

You may notice that the newsletter looks a little different this month! With this edition, we're working toward introducing some changes that I hope you will find useful.

Perhaps it would be good to start with what we hope doesn't change. We still want to make sure to publicize upcoming events in the newsletter. Those notices provide everyone with a great opportunity to plan ahead to participate in all the great things taking place among us here at Trinity. We will also continue to feature the church calendar. The intent is to place it on a page in the center of the newsletter so you can post the single page in a place convenient for you for keeping track of everything.

But a few things are changing. One is a renewed emphasis on *reporting the news*, that is, to report on the things that have happened among us. I'd like to do this for two reasons. First, it serves as a useful historical tool, to look back and recall what has taken place in our life together. Second, it gives even those who were not involved in a particular activity a chance to learn about what took place. Every once in a while, I overhear the comment "I don't know what we've been doing." The newsletter can help us share some of these activities.

A second goal is to encourage our members in a variety of ways. Some of that will take place in the various things I write each month. But also, your group within the church may want to encourage others to participate. You may have opportunities and information you want to share with the members of the congregation. The newsletter provides us a great forum to do so.

Finally, I really want the newsletter to help foster *life together* at Trinity. We can do so in some simple ways, like printing a list of birthdays and anniversaries for a given month (if you really don't want your birthday listed, by the way, feel free to let me or the office know). Also, the hope is that, as we share more about what is happening among us here at Trinity, you will see that as an invitation for you to become more involved in our life together.

Let me know if you have any ideas for or feedback about the newsletter. I really want it to be a useful tool for us as a congregation.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lieske

TRINITY NEWS

LAMP 2024 Trip to Norway House

There were 13 volunteer missionaries who joined God's mission to Norway House in the summer of 2024. The team included Nadine Drevlow, David Hauser, Ken & Toni Erlandson, Pastor Bill Aufdenkamp (Elbow Lake), Sam Martin (Two Harbors, MN), Michael & Sheila Sandell (Taylors Falls, MN), Robert Nelson (Bismarck, ND), Shahida Luman (Winnipeg), Zoey Brightnose (Winnipeg), Michael Wilshusen (Mora, Missouri), and Dave Schneeberger. The group was absolutely amazing and worked so well together as we taught VBS at three churches in Norway House. We split into two teams to teach at the Anglican Church and Catholic Church simultaneously and then joined together in one group at the United Church for another session. We also had some assistance from two volunteers in the community who helped with the advance preparations as well as the VBS sessions. We touched the lives of 106 children at VBS during the week in addition to numerous other children and adults during a Family Night event where we had games, prizes, Bible bingo, snacks and lemonade. We were also hosted by members of the Anglican Church with a fish fry supper on our last night in the community. It was an amazing week with a lot of positive experiences expressed by all of the volunteers whether they had been in Norway House for a number of years or if it was their first time in the north. It's hard to believe it has been 15 years since we began this journey with the communities of Norway House and Shamattawa and look forward to continuing to grow these relationships for many years to come. Thanks also to all of our prayer and financial supporters who have been so diligent and committed to making this outreach effort a reality. To God be the glory!



The LAMP group



VBS attendees in Norway House

REPORTS

Trinity Lutheran Church & School Endowment Fund

Annual Report

August 22, 2024

Current Market Value of the Endowment Funds as of 6-30-24

Outreach Fund - \$130,404.49

Church Property Maintenance - \$1,858,409.01 (includes \$300,000 in cash that was withdrawn in August to be used for the parking lot project)

Earnings disbursed from the Endowment Funds during 2023 for use in 2024

Outreach Fund of \$3,244.34 + carryover from 2022 of \$1,369.42 for a total of \$4,613.76.

Church Property Maintenance - \$50,000.00

Outreach Fund Grant Applications Approved for disbursement in 2024 to enhance the Mission Outreach efforts for Trinity Lutheran Church & School

TLC School Board - \$902.50 – t-shirts for current and future TLC Preschool students

Homeschool Co-op - \$200.00 – support, educate and provide outreach to the families in the homeschool co-op

Pastor Lieske - \$406.08 – mugs for visitors

Stacey Larsen - \$307.28 – The Story Bibles for children in MWF class and The Kid's Bible for children in TR class.

Pastor Lieske – \$500.00 – Public brochures and Visitor brochures

Quilters/Crafters/Orphan Grain Train Mission -\$1,200.00 - purchase supplies for quilts, stocking caps, mittens, scarves and special needs kits.

Remaining funds to be disbursed - \$1,097.90

Church Property Maintenance Fund

Earnings from 2023 of \$50,000.00 will be utilized for the parking lot project.

An additional \$300,000.00 was approved and disbursed from the balance of the Church Property Maintenance Fund to be utilized for the parking lot project.

The annual disbursements of \$50,000.00 for the next three years will be utilized for the parking lot project.

Other activities

We had a Zoom meeting with Mark Cannon, CFO of the LCMS Foundation, to do our annual review/due diligence with them regarding the Endowment Funds. We have also continued changing our fund allocation due to the long term nature of the Endowment Funds.



Trinity has a new secretary!

Mrs. JoAnn Orpen has begun training to serve in the church office. Please be patient as she learns the ins-and-outs of the role, and feel free to stop in and introduce yourself. JoAnn will be working in the office Tuesday through Friday.



Missionary Visitors Rev. Dan and Joan Jastram

Exciting Updates from Preschool at Trinity!

As we bid farewell to summer and prepare for the new school year, we're thrilled to share some wonderful updates with you!

Summer Play Dates: A Resounding Success!

Our summer play dates were a tremendous hit! It was heartwarming to see so many families and children come together for fun, laughter, and friendship. These events not only provided a joyful break but also strengthened our community bonds. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making these gatherings memorable.



Anticipating a Fresh School Year

As the school year approaches, we're filled with anticipation and excitement for all the opportunities it brings. We hope everyone is ready for a fantastic year ahead, full of learning, growth, and new experiences. Let's continue to support our children as they embark on this new journey!

Prayer Bookmarks Coming Soon

Prayer bookmarks will be available in the next couple of weeks. These special bookmarks are designed to help you get connected with a student in our preschool. Keep an eye out for them, and be sure to pick up a few for yourself and your loved ones!

Discover the New Changes in the Education Wing

We've made some exciting updates to our Education Wing, and we can't wait for you to see them! We've revamped the space to create a more welcoming and engaging environment for our children and youth. Swing by and check out the changes—you'll be amazed at how the space has transformed!

Missionaries Visit Trinity

The Board of Global Outreach hosted our missionaries to Japan, Pastor Dan and Joan Jastram, on Wednesday, August 14, for an ice cream social at Trinity. A crowd of about 31 folks enjoyed delicious ice cream with toppings, as well as treats, even some snacks from Japan!

Pastor Jastram updated the attendees regarding the need for solid Lutheran theology amid the more accepted Shintoism and Buddhism teachings and traditions. He also reported the successful translation into the Japanese language of several Concordia Publishing House resources used in the teaching of Lutheran doctrine.

The Jastrams expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation for the prayers and financial support of their work for the Lord in Japan, as well as for the printing and mailing of their newsletters. May God bless their effort to spread the Good News!



Trinity Homeschool Co-op is getting ready to kick-off the 2024-2025 school year on Tuesday, September 3rd with a field trip to the Fergus Falls Journal newspaper office!

We are also beyond thrilled to have a regular weekly music class this year taught by Becca Souer of Barnesville. We have all sorts of exciting things planned for this year as we encourage children to learn and grow in the love of Christ, looking at the world through a Biblical lens.

Opportunity to Help

A colorful poster for a fundraiser. The background is dark blue with white splatters. At the top, the word "Fundraiser" is written in a pink, cursive font. Below it, "for" is in a small black font, and "NED STUEVE" is in large, bold, pink block letters. A black banner with white text says "October 5, 2024". Below that, "2-6 pm" is written in pink. A list of activities includes "Inge's Famous Meatball Supper", "Silent Auction", and "Bake Sale". At the bottom left, it says "EAGLES CLUB AERIE #2339" and "120 South Peck St. Fergus Falls, MN". On the right is a cartoon illustration of a man in a white apron and cap, holding a paintbrush and a bucket. At the very bottom, there is a small line of text: "Please contact Diane 701-210-0478 or Debbi 218-770-5932 with silent auction & bake sale items".

On June 24 Ned Stueve suffered three strokes and was air lifted to Sanford Hospital in Fargo for emergency surgery to remove a blood clot, Ned spent 3 weeks in ICU and another week on the floor at Sanford. Ned was then transferred to a rehab facility in Grand Forks where Ned spent another 17 days. Ned is currently at the Pioneer short stay unit since the last week.

A public fundraiser to assist Ned with expenses is being held on October 5 (information to the left). Alternatively, Don or Chad (Ned's father or brother) can help point you in the right direction for how to help financially.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT TRINITY...

The Board of Outreach has invited our missionary to Puerto Rico, Ashley Lehr, to join us for our Mission Sunday on **September 8**. The Board will be hosting a potluck after Ashley's presentation during adult Bible Study. Ashley will give us an update of the Puerto Rico mission team's recent progress with outreach on the island, as there are now three LCMS congregations- one each in Mayaguez, Ponce, and San Juan. Let's give Ashley a warm Minnesota welcome on September 8!

On **September 15**, we will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of the sanctuary, which was originally dedicated on September 19, 2004. Look forward to special music, along with Rally Sunday for Sunday School and the Presentation of Bibles to our Third Grade students.

A **Voters Assembly Meeting** has been scheduled for **September 22** at 11:30 AM. Items to address include revisions to the constitution passed in May and other items.

Another year of **confirmation instruction** begins September 18 at 4 PM. That night will serve as an orientation session and acolyte training. The following Wednesday regular classes will begin at 4 PM. This year we will have a fifth and sixth grade class studying the Biblical narrative (Old Testament), and an upper grades class studying Luther's Small Catechism. Please pray for our confirmands as they continue to grow in Christ.

Trinity will be offering a **toenail clinic** this fall. Julie Reeder LPN will be here on Tuesdays every 6 weeks starting Nov. 5 at 9 am by appointment. She charges \$25.00 and will take cash or checks. To set up an appointment call Julie at 218-731-4190. If you have questions call Char at 218-517-0114.

The next edition of the **Portals of Prayer** devotional for October through December can be found in the narthex kiosk.

CELEBRATIONS!

September Birthdays

September 3	Arnold Orion Bolland
September 3	Don Nelson
September 3	Harry Phillips
September 4	Branda Mouritsen
September 5	Kathy Hohenstein
September 7	Kathy Otto
September 10	Jon Roehl
September 11	Linda Schmidt
September 15	Aria Flerchinger
September 18	Dave Schlicker
September 20	Debra Goerd
September 20	Deidre Haugmo
September 22	Ned Steuve
September 25	Mark Samuelson
September 27	Nadine Drevlow
September 27	Vivien Hedtke
September 29	Jeff Melby

September 18	Stephen and Branda Mouritsen
September 20	Gene and Kathie Lindblom

September Baptismal Birthdays

September 6	Dave Schneeberger
September 6	Ethel Mindermann
September 7	Cal Johansen
September 9	Donna Schoening
September 11	Dan Beske
September 15	Marion Anderson
September 16	Bonnie Johnson
September 22	Ned Stueve
September 23	Char Dale
September 23	Lori Dawkins
September 24	Kathy Hohenstein
September 25	Anna Flerchinger
September 25	Sharlene Schmidt

September Anniversaries

September 1	Bob and Janet Maack
September 6	Robert and Debra Goerd
September 8	Dan and Amy Beske

Please let us know if your special date is missing (or if you would prefer it not be included in future years)

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Ushers for September

<u>September 1</u>
Jon Schoening
Jeff Johnson
Tim King

September 8

Blaine Rasmussen
Margie Rasmussen
Bobbie Adam

September 15

Wayne Goerd
Jakob Ness
Mark Samuelson

September 22

Gary Schmidt
Rachael Larson
Trevor Larson

September 29

Ross Eberle
Tina Eberle
Dave Schneeberger

Acolytes for September

<u>September 15</u>
Ana
Austin
<u>September 22</u>
Isabella
Kourtney

September 29

Tucker
Noah

Greeters for September

<u>September 1</u>
Cal and Helen Johansen
<u>September 8</u>
Dale and Sharlene Schmidt
<u>September 15</u>
Donna Umlauf
Tami Gerhardson

September 22

Ken and Sue Heidorn

September 29

Jerry and Shirley Pribbernow

Altar Guild for September

September 1

Cal and Helen Johansen

September 8

Ken and Sue Heidorn

September 15

Margie Rasmussen

September 22

Char Dale

September 29

Brenda Johnson
Bobbie Adam

GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

Ongoing Concern: Janet Maack, David Boese, Brian Fitzner, Jeremy Elshaug, Elaine Culp, Gene True, 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), Doug Litrich (Melvin & Marlene Reed's son-in-law), Stephen Hauser (David Hauser's brother), Brenda Keilen (Lois Fitzner's daughter), Tara Reynolds (Sarah Goerd's friend), Jolene Kubitz (Donna Umlauf's niece), Micah Sebek (Bobbie Adam's grandson), Ned Stueve (Don Stueve's son), James Hohenstein (Karl Hohenstein's brother)

Homebound: Gary Froehlich, Dick Anderson, Lois Helm, Lucille Harworth, Wally Lubben, Marlys Lueders, Ron Schulz, Evelyn Rud, Lorraine Drews, Lucille Scramstad, Chuck Dale

Military: Lieutenant Colonel 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); 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), Callen Mouritsen, Abrams Hall on Fort Moore, Fort Moore, GA. (Stephen & Branda Mouritsen's son)

Missionaries: Rev. Dan & Joan Jastram, Japan; Deaconess Kim Bueltmann, Germany (TIM Missionary); Delano & Linda Meyer, Africa; Jacque Breman, Africa; Ashley Lehr, Puerto Rico

Call the church office or the Pastor with prayer requests.
Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

September 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Education Hour	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 1st Day of School 8 AM Men's Bible Study 9:10 AM Chapel 7 PM Trustees Meeting	4 1 PM Lydia Circle 6 PM Choir	5 12 PM Crafters 12:30 PM Quilters	6	7
8 Mission Festival 9 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Education Hour 11:30 AM Potluck	9 9:10 AM Chapel 9:40 AM Service at Veteran's Home	10 8 AM Men's Bible Study 9:10 AM Chapel	11 12:30 PM Knitters and Crocheters 6 PM Choir	12 12 PM Crafters 12:30 PM Quilters	13	14
15 9 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Education Hour 11:30 AM Elders Meeting	16 Fall Pastor's Conference	17 Fall Pastor's Conference 8 AM Men's Bible Study 6 PM Church Council Meeting	18 4 PM Confirmation Orientation 6 PM Choir	19 10 AM Service at Broen Home 12 PM Crafters 12:30 PM Quilters	20 Newsletter Items Due	21 8 AM Men's Network
22 9 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Education Hour 11:30 AM Voters Assembly	23 9:10 AM Chapel	24 8 AM Men's Bible Study 9:10 AM Chapel	25 4 PM Confirmation 6 PM Choir	26 12 PM Crafters 12:30 PM Quilters	27	28
29 9 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Education Hour	30 9:10 AM Chapel	On-Call Pastor Phone Number (218) 321-0993				

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

October

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27	28	29	30	31		