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

Dear friends in Christ,

In the first few days of November, you should see a somewhat familiar sight return to the narthex. Last year, we placed a bulletin board labeled "Now Thank We All Our God" in the narthex. Everyone was invited to write down something – anything – they were thankful for on a yellow sheet of paper and to tack it to the bulletin board. I kept the board over the last year, and I will be placing it back in the narthex. You can take a look. Maybe you placed a paper to the board last year. The return of the board is a reminder that God has blessed us in the past.

Its return is also an invitation. This year there will be a different color of papers, but you are again invited to write down anything you might be thankful for and to tack it to the board. As the blessings posted to the board grow, it is a celebration of the fact that God continues to bless us day by day. He provides us with daily bread and all we need to support this body and life. During this month of November, please take a moment, consider the blessings God has given you in life, jot something down, and add it to our blessings board.

My intention is to keep the board and to bring it out each November so that we can add to it year after year. I can form this intention because of the fact that God has promised to bless us in the future. While it is important for each of us to continue to love and serve our neighbors in the ways God has given us and with the capabilities God has granted us, we don't do so because we are worried about tomorrow. We trust in God to provide (remember what Jesus says of the ravens and the lilies in Luke 12:22-31). He is faithful, and will do it.

We celebrate Thanksgiving in just a few weeks. Join us here at Trinity for our Thanksgiving Eve service on November 27 at 6 PM. After the service, stick around for something new – a Thanksgiving Dessert Social. Think of it like a potluck, but with desserts! Bring your favorite dessert (pie, cookies, bars, etc.) and share in fellowship and celebration of all God's great blessings with your church family.

> Peace in Christ. Pastor Lieske



Join us on November 15 at 5:30 for **Movie Night** here at Trinity. Seeing as how Reformation Day will have just passed by a few weeks beforehand, we will be watching the 1953 classic Martin Luther movie. Before the movie starts, we will share a meal together. It should be a great night of fellowship and learning.



Hoodies for teens: Trinity will collect "Hooded Sweatshirts for Teens" for the Salvation Army Christmas again this year. The sizes that are needed are L-XXL. Our deadline is Sunday, Dec. 8th. Thank you for sharing your Christmas with the Teens of the Salvation Army! Place your new hooded sweatshirts on the table in the Narthex. If you have questions, reach

out to Kristi Auck 218-205-1303.



We are planning an off season trip to Shamattawa, MB since we were unable to make it there this summer to teach VBS. Robert Nelson from Bismarck, who went to Norway House this summer with our LAMP team, and Dave Schneeberger will be driving to

Winnipeg where we will be joined by LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots) missionaries, Randy Heide and Michael Gillingham. We will fly from Winnipeg to Shamattawa on November 18 to spend time in the school with the children, teachers and administration. We will have the opportunity to go into each classroom to share a message about Jesus, give them a Christmas activity book and a cross key chain along with a hand crafted knit stocking cap made with love and care by our own Trinity knitters. In the past we have also had the opportunity to help with their breakfast program before school as well as spending time with the children and adults doing activities after school. We have had the chance to spend time with the children and adults in Shamattawa during the summers and several off season trips since we started going to the community in 2009.



LWML will have their annual Christmas Party on December 7, 10:00 AM, at "Toast" in Fergus Falls. Any and all ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. We will be making a donation to the Red Stocking at that time.



THANK YOU from the Trinity Crafters to everyone who so generously donated time and talents for our vendor booth at the Fergus Falls Farmers Market. We had a wonderful and fun time representing Trinity Lutheran Church and School at that community event. We raised \$5051 to fund local and global missions. We

are in need of anyone who is interested in doing any type of crafts; especially anyone who is interested in embroidering. We sold 376 hand-embroidered towels, so we will work on having even more ready for the Market next spring. The Crafters meet every Thursday from 12 noon to 4:00. Everyone is welcome to come for crafting and/or fellowship!



Donald and Darlene Reiter have two new addresses to add to your contacts. For the winter months they will be at 5510 E. 32nd St. #46, Yuma, AZ 85365. Their new MN address is 58 Allen Path, Faribault, MN 55021. They look forward to receiving your Christmas cards!



The Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 27th at 6 pm. Thanksgiving dessert potluck after.





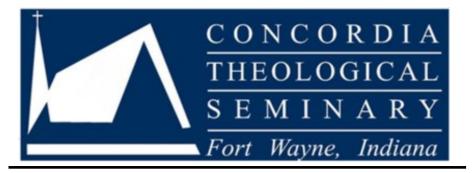


# Support our adopted seminary student

#### **Matthew Kinne**

Matthew is originally from Hopkins, MN and has been studying at Lutheran Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN since 2020. He is married to Lauren and they have three children - Trinity-Ann, Josiah, and David. He area of special interest is rural ministry.

Matthew was assigned to Trinity for the 2024-25 academic year in the CTSFW Student Adoption Program. Please remember him in your prayers, and if you can support him financially, please make checks payable to "Concordia Theological Seminary" or "CTSFW" and write Matthew Kinne in the memo. Online giving can also be arranged at https://ctsfw.edu/studentgifts



# Get to know the Trinity family!

This is a new feature in the newsletter meant to be a fun way to get to know each other better! If space allows, willing individuals, families, or groups can be featured each month. If you wish to volunteer, send me an email and I will send some potential questions for you to answer. (secretary@trinityff.org) I chose the crafters for the first segment since I see them often at the church. This group was asked to share their answers to any or all of the following questions: 1. Favorite craft item to make. 2. Best part of being in the crafters 3. Family 4. Activities, interests, or hobbies outside of crafting, and 5. Favorite Bible verse.

Thank you for participating!

JoAnn Orpen, secretary



Donna Umlauf - Enjoys embroidering dish towels and her favorite part of Crafters is being with friends. Her family is one son & daughter-in-law, and one sister and her family. She also enjoys crocheting, reading, and doing puzzles. Favorite verse -John 3:16

Char Dale - Enjoys making anything at the sewing machine plus embroidering dishtowels in the evening. She enjoys creating new crafts. Coffee hour is the highlight. She recently lost her husband Chuck after 48 years of marriage. She has a son-Andrew, daughter-in-law-Amanda, and grand-children-Reece and Elina. She also enjoys traveling, visiting family, and enjoying nature: walking and biking. Favorite verse - I Corinthians 15:57

Linda Schmidt - Enjoys making embroidered dish towels and crocheted potholders. Favorite part is the fellowship. Family is her husband, daughter and granddaughter. Other interests - reading, knitting, gardening, car club, camping, kayaking, and time with family. Favorite verse -John 3:16

Karma Schneeberger - Enjoys embroidering towels, and her favorite part is being social. Her husband is Eric, and they have 5 children. Other interests include sports, gardening, reading, puzzles, sewing, and being Mom to the kids

Renee Goff - Enjoys embroidering and quilting. Her favorite part is getting to visit with friends. Other interests include farm work - especially her chickens, and caring for her grandkids

Joann Schultz - Enjoys hand-embroidering dish towels and painting wood tree trimmers. She enjoys fellowship with congregation members the most. Her family is her son, Aaron, and her sisters and their families. Other interests are flower gardening, sewing, Bible study, cooking, baking, and scrapbooking. Favorite verse is John 14:6

It would seem that enjoying the company of friends is a huge benefit of belonging to the crafters! Work becomes play when these ladies get together. There are additional members of this group who are not pictured, and they are always ready to welcome more. Consider joining this or another group. You will be thankful for the connections that you make!



# **Mercy Meals Packing**

On November 2 from 9 AM until lunch we will be packing Mercy Meals here at Trinity.

Mercy Meals is a non-profit organization that allows volunteers to package nourishing food that will be delivered by the Orphan Grain Train to children in need throughout the world.

#### What We Need:

30+ volunteers \$2000 (to pay for the ingredients) Checks should be made out to Mercy Meals of ND. Our congregational goal is to pack 10,000 meals, and to do that we need your help! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex and monetary donations can be left in the church office.

Trinity will be offering a **foot care 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. A signup sheet is in the kiosk along with additional information. Questions? Call Char at 218-517-0114.



In honor of All Saints Day

we remember those from

our congregation that have passed away this year:

02/25/2024 Donna Kolle

03/04/2024 Fern Rau

03/26/2024 Janice Prause

04/10/2024 Bill Stach

05/07/2024 Gerry Drews

06/22/2024 Charles Dale

09/01/2024 Phyllis Gadow

09/14/24 Lucille Harworth

#### GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

Ongoing Concern: Janet Maack, David Boese, Brian Fitzner, Jeremy Elshaug, Elaine Culp, Ned Stueve, 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 Goerdt's friend), Jolene Kubitz (Donna Umlauf's niece), Micah Sebek (Bobbie Adam's grandson), James Hohenstein (Karl Hohenstein's brother) JoAnn Pithey (Ross Eberle's mom)

**Expectant Mother:** Anna Flerchinger, Alesha Sorkness (Daughter-in-law of Schan and Shari Sorkness)

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

Military: Callen Mouritsen, MN National Guard; Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Gerold, U.S.A.F. Reserves (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)

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Fergus Falls, MN	On-Call Pastor Phone Number (218) 321-0993	A live up-to-date calendar is available online on the church website: www.trinityff.org			1 9 am Hebrew Study Group	2 9:00 Mercy Meals Packing Event
3 9 am Divine Service LWML Sunday 10:30 Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 Voter's Mtg.	4 9:10 am Chapel 7:00 pm Dartball in Moorhead	5 8 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Foot Care Clinic 9:10 am Chapel 12:30 School Board Mtg. 2:00 Women's Bible Study 7 pm Trustees Mtg.	1 pm Lydia Circle @ Park Gardens 4:00 Confirmation 5:15 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir	7 12 pm Crafters 12:30 pm Quilters 6:30 Evening Circle	8 9 am Hebrew Study Group	9
9 am Divine Service 10:30 Bible Study & Sunday School	11 9:10 am Chapel	12 8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 am Chapel 2pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 MN Citizens Concerned for Life	13 1 pm Knitters & Crocheters 4:00 Confirmation 5:15 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir	14 12 pm Crafters 12:30 pm Quilters	9 am Hebrew Study Group 5:30 Supper & Movie	16 8 am Men's Network
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24 9 am Divine Service Food Shelf Sunday 10:30 Bible Study & Sunday School	25 9:10 am Chapel	26 8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 am Chapel 2 p.m. Women's Bible Study	27 6 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 pm Dessert Potluck	28  Happy Thanksgiving  Church office closed	29	30

# **CELEBRATIONS!**

November Birthdays		<b>November Anniversaries</b>		
November 7	Holly Beighley	November 18	Jon & Julie Drews	
November 10	Cindy Schmidt	November 26	Blaine & Margie Rasmussen	
November 11	Lilli Ann Ness			
November 13	Izabella Olson	November Baptismal Birthdays		
November 14	Andrew Krog	November 1	Marcella Koennicke	
November 14	Kathie Lindblom	November 4	Jonathan Roehl	
November 15	Ken Erlandson	November 11	Martin Wellbrock	
November 16	Brier Ness	November 11	Noah Goff	
November 23	Wallace Mohs	November 14	Renee Goff	
November 25	Joann Schultz	November 16	Esther Schlicker	
November 29	Donna Umlauf	November 18	Arla Flerchinger	
		November 18	Laural Floen	
		November 19	Geoffrey Melby	
		November 19	Ava Goff	
		November 24	Maxine Schmidt	
		November 29	Crosby Neubauer	

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

Jeremy Elshaug

# SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

November 29

<b>Ushers for November</b>	<b>Greeters for November</b>	Acolytes for November
November 3	November 3	November 3
Jon Schoening	Ken & Sue Heidorn	Kourtney
Jeff Johnson	November 10	Tucker
Tim King	Jerry & Shirley	November 10
November 10	Pribbernow	Analicia
Blaine Rasmussen	November 17	November 17
Margie Rasmussen	David & Esther Schlicker	Adrian
Bobbie Adam	November 24	Jackson
November 17	Cal & Helen Johansen	November 24
Rodney Schmidt		Ainsley
Dale Schmidt	Altar Guild for November	Samuel
Jerry Schmidt	November 3 (All Saints Day)	
November 24	Nancy Olson &	
Gary Schmidt	Nadine Drevlow	
Rachael Larson	November 10	
Trevor Larson	Cal & Helen Johansen	
November 27	November 17	
Thanksgiving Eve	Ken & Sue Heidorn	
Ross & Tina Eberle	November 24	
David Schneeberger	Margie Rasmussen	

# ONE LAST GASP OF OCTOBER!



A **Trunk-or-Treat** event will be held on Sunday, Oct.27 from 5-7 pm. People willing to hand out treats from their trunks are needed, as well as donations of candy or money. Contact Karma at 218-770-2032 to let her know how you can help.

A **Special Voters Assembly Meeting** has been called for November 3 at 11:30. The planned business for this special meeting includes selecting a lay delegate and alternate lay delegate for the 2025 MN North District Convention and adopting amendments to our constitution adopted in May at the direction of the MN North District Constitutions Committee. Printed copies of the constitution with the proposed amendments are available in the narthex. Please review the proposal in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Lieske and he can help point you in the right direction.

The ladies of the **Lydia Circle** along with the ladies from Immanuel Lutheran will meet on November 6th at 1:00 at Park Gardens for Bible Study and fellowship. The lesson is "Christ's Steadfastness: The Apostle's Creed - Second Article." Come and join us!

Please join **Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life** at Trinity on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. for an important talk on "Winning Minnesota for Life - New ways you can save lives!" MCCL successfully defeated legislators' attempt to put an unrestricted right to abortion in our state Constitution this year. But that threat isn't over, and new threats - like limiting our religious rights surrounding these issues and forcing taxpayers like you to pay for even more abortions - loom when the legislature reconvenes next year. Please attend and bring your friends to this free on-hour presentation about the threats and opportunities we face, and how we can save lives and transform our culture to once again respect all human life!

Trinity will be hosting our third annual **Youth Christmas Party** on December 8, 2024 from 3:30-6 PM. Confirmation and High School Youth from our fellow LCMS congregations across the region are invited to come. Let's have a good turnout of students from our own congregation to enjoy food, fellowship, and fun. Don't forget to wear your favorite Christmas sweater to participate in the sweater contest. An opening devotion and hymn sing will be held at 4 PM. Some adult volunteers to help with various hosting duties are needed - contact Pastor Lieske for more information.



# Preschoolers Enjoy the Beautiful October Weather!

October brought a delightful change of seasons, and our preschoolers have been making the most of it! With crisp mornings and sunny afternoons, the children have been enjoying every moment outside. We're especially thankful that our playground is back in business.

In addition to the playground, our little adventurers have been exploring the woods. The natural surroundings provide endless opportunities for imaginative play and discovery. Whether they're gathering colorful leaves, spotting squirrels, or pretending to be explorers on a grand journey, the children's curiosity and creativity are truly flourishing.

This October has reminded us of the importance of outdoor play and how fortunate we are to have both a wonderful playground and the beauty of nature right at our doorstep. Here's to more sunny days and happy memories as we continue to enjoy this lovely autumn season!













Thank you to Karl and Kathy Hohenstein for the pumpkins!





Behind the scenes preparation for preschool adventures.





### **Trinity Homeschool Co-op in October**

Thank you all for being so supportive of our homeschool co-op here at Trinity Lutheran Church. October has been going well. We continue to start our days by joining the preschool for chapel with pastor followed by our public speaking time. Several of the children are reciting Bible verses, poems, or singing hymns they have been working on. It will be fun to watch their confidence in front of a group improve as the year goes on.



The Fire Station postponed our field trip until the last week of October but we have still been having a great month. Music lessons are going well and the children are getting good at singing the first two verses of "I Am Jesus Little Lamb" along with hand motions. The older kids have begun learning musical notes and scales as well. Our art project for this month (led by Tenia Norman) was to paint fire trucks. The kids all had a blast being creative with their fire trucks. On Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor Larsen (Preschool Teacher Stacy Larsen's husband) came and spoke to the co-op about being a volunteer EMT. The kids had the opportunity to see all sorts of medical supplies that he carries in his "ditch kit" and to learn about the process of becoming and EMT as well as how EMT's respond to different situations on the field. At this

writing we are still looking forward to our field trip to the Fire Station, rescheduled for Oct 29<sup>th</sup>.





It is with sadness that we prepare to say goodbye to our amazing music teacher, Becca Souer. Her husband, recently the LCMS pastor in Barnesville, has accepted a call to a congregation in Nebraska and October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Becca's last day with us. She has been amazing and will be missed.





(Mrs. Souer's last day with the kids)

November will be a busy month as we look forward to a field trip to the police station at the start of the month and Ross Eberle will be our guest speaker in the middle of the month. The kids will enjoying hearing all about the inside details of the parking lot project that they have been witnessing over the last two months of co-op.

Thank you all for your amazing support. This co-op is a blessing to many families and children who want to raise their families with a Biblical worldview all day long.

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info@trinityff.org

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## NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE PLANS

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November 3 — Divine Service 4

(All Saints Sunday)

November 24—Divine Service 4

Hymns 495, 516, 532, 802, 680, 804

November 27 — Service of Prayer and

Preaching (Thanksgiving Eve) Hymns 892, 785, 803, 895

**November 17** — Divine Service 4 Hymns 509, 508, 671, 576, 514, 511

Financial Secretary Sandy King

Hymns 517, 677, 679, 678, 659, 676

Hymns 736, 738, 531, 732, 787, 894

**November 10** — Divine Service 4

Treasurer

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