

THE JULY 2026

# TRINITY TRIBUNE



*The monthly newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church & Preschool of Fergus Falls, MN*

Dear friends in Christ,

So last month I wrote to you about patience. This time, I will write to you about joy! In John 16, Jesus says “When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world” (John 16:21). Jesus uses that image to prepare His disciples for what would happen over the next days, as He would be given over to be crucified and He would die. There would indeed be sorrow. Yet He would not remain dead! If I can quote from the Good Friday liturgy, “for behold, by the wood of Your cross, joy has come into all the world.”

There is joy for us in the gift of life. To be clear, it is my wife who had the literal “hard labor.” My job as father was “support staff.” But I get to share in the joy. Little Emmanuella has brought lots of joy in our household. There is something pretty peaceful found in holding a sleeping baby. Other times, you just sit and stare and marvel at the miracle that God has done to create a new human being. Crying moments and dirty diapers and sleepless nights are quickly overlooked for the sake of this “little bundle of joy.”

Thinking on Emy causes me to think about what brings joy in heaven. Jesus says, “There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.” Now, to be clear, in the entirety of human history, there have not been ninety-nine righteous persons who had no need of repentance. However, it takes a great work of the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to recognize that truth, to recognize in ourselves the need for repentance. But when we have come to know our sinful state and need for a savior, we are prepared to receive the joy that came that Good Friday. Not joy in an unjust crucifixion, but joy in the fact that Christ’s death means life for us. Repentance

itself can be hard and even unpleasant, as we come to grips with our own failures and the consequences of our sins, but through that little “death” to self, God gives life in His Son.

You have life in Christ, and as you dwell in the new birth that comes in contrition and faith, there is joy in heaven over you! May you share in heaven’s joy as you regularly receive and celebrate the gifts of God that are yours in Christ.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Lieske

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Emmanuella Hope Lieske was joined to Jesus by water and the Word of God on June 7. She was born May 29<sup>th</sup>. She is pictured here with her parents, Pastor Christopher and Michele Lieske. We pray that the Lord would keep her in her baptismal grace all her days.



## Congregational Catechism Review

*Each week, a portion of Luther's Small Catechism has been appointed for congregational focus. You are encouraged, as you are able, to meditate on this section of the catechism throughout the week and to commit it to memory.*

### July 5 - The Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*What does this mean?*

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

### July 12 - The Close of the Commandments

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Exodus 20:5–6)

### July 19 - The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

*What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

### July 26 - The Close of the Commandments

*What does this mean?*

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.



Trinity will be holding a new member class on Monday evenings, beginning July 6 (5:30 pm). This class is open for those seeking membership in the congregation, members who would just like a refresher, or even just folks who want to learn more about what Lutherans believe. There are a few

ways you can help. First, if you know of someone who might be interested, invite them to come (maybe even offer to come with them). Second, there are families with children planning to come. We could use someone willing to provide childcare during the class session. Third, it would be helpful for working folks if we could provide meals with the classes. If you are willing and able to pick a week and provide a meal, please speak with Pastor Lieske and/or sign up in the kiosk.



Pastor Curtis and Jo Ann Deterding are embarking on a new mission following their retirement from pulpit ministry where they will be Mission Specialists to Central Asia. They will be serving as dorm house grandparents for university students in Mongolia for a period of three months per year for the next two years. Their task is to spiritually support, counsel and encourage the students to grow in their faith and keep them from returning to the Muslim faith. They will also be supporting native Lutheran pastors and their families who are faced with overwhelming challenges. They are being sent through Mission of Christ Network (MCN) who have 62 mission partners in 22 countries and touch approx. 2,000 lives per week. Their singular focus is proclaiming the Gospel by fostering relationships. Pastor Deterding has worked with MCN through their church in Ft. Myers since it was established. There are three ways we are able to partner with Pastor & Jo Ann in God's mission to Mongolia:

God uses money as a tool to help us grow.  
 “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life Does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Luke 12:15

GENERAL FUND	May 2026	Fiscal Year-to-date Total	% of Annual Budget	Current Fiscal Year Budget	ATTENDANCE HISTORY		
Offering receipts	\$ 21,520	\$ 267,662	73%	\$365,070		Church Attendance	Sunday School
School Gifts	\$ 10	\$ 539	27%	\$2,000			
School Tuition	\$ 3,677	\$ 27,455	110%	\$25,000	May 3rd (confirmation)	142	
School other		\$ 4,097	9%	\$43,726	May 10th	123	14
Total budget receipts	\$ 25,207	\$ 299,753	68.8%	\$435,796	May 14th Ascension	30	
					May 17th	97	18
Budget Expenses	\$ 26,981	\$ 329,927	75.7%	\$435,796	May 24th	112	18
					May 31st	86	
Budget Long/(short)	\$ (1,773)	\$ (30,174)	47 Sundays				

**Mites Goal for July**

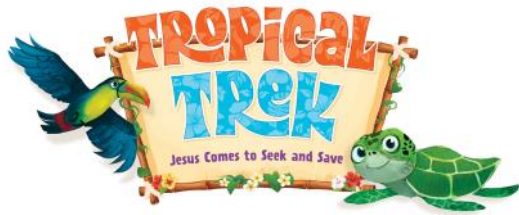
**Christ-Centered Hope for Cancer Patients, Phil’s Friends, U.S. \$100,000**



During the past 18 years, Phil’s Friends has sent nearly 60,000 care packages and more than 1,000,000 Cards of Hope to cancer patients. This ministry supports anyone with cancer, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or income. The hand-decorated care packages are customized according to the age and gender of the recipient and are filled with simple, practical, comfort items that can be used during treatment. This grant will purchase supplies for care packages and Cards of Hope, as well as pay for shipping and postage, supporting 1,000 cancer patients for one year.

- Prayer support -
  - Financial support
- Online gifts may be given to: [missionofchrist.org/mission-partners/deterding/](https://missionofchrist.org/mission-partners/deterding/)
- Donations may be mailed to: Mission of Christ Network, P.O. Box 533, Columbia, MO 64020 with Deterding in the memo

Stay connected - email them at [curtis.deterding@missionofchrist.org](mailto:curtis.deterding@missionofchrist.org) to receive their newsletter throughout the year.



"All day VBS was a hit! We had over 50 children sign up! I believe the all day option was enticing to families. It was definitely a learning year and I have made some notes on how to improve next year. This year the children got to learn all about how God finds us no matter what. We made flower pots, blasted rockets, played kickball, ate fruit kabobs, sang praise and heard the gospel throughout the day. It was a wonderful day to praise our Lord. Thank you to all the volunteers who put so much work into making this day possible. We could have used a few extra hands so please consider volunteering next year!"

- Rachael Larson





**Enrollment is open now for the Trinity Preschool 2026-27 school year!**

Mission Statement: Trinity Lutheran School seeks to nurture children in their relationship with Jesus Christ while providing a strong academic foundation.

There are half-day and full-day options for 3-4 year-olds and 5 year-old Pre-Kindergarteners.

**Please help to spread the word** to your family, friends and neighbors about our amazing Preschool! For more information, stop by the office for a packet, check out the Preschool website: [www.preschoolattrinity.org](http://www.preschoolattrinity.org), or email [preschool@trinityff.org](mailto:preschool@trinityff.org) There is also a Preschool at Trinity page on Facebook.



Stacy Larsen moved to Missouri, but returned for one more Summerfest Parade with the kids of Trinity Preschool.

Karma has served on the school board, assisted in the classroom, and has organized and helped with many of the receptions and special events. It is a natural transition for her to step into the role of Preschool Teacher.

Karma, we look forward to your work with the kids and seeing where God will take the program with your help!

Help the School Board: Karma Schneeberger has served on our school board for a number of years, but as she transitions into serving as our teacher, new membership is needed for our school board. The chief qualifications are a love for Christian education and a willingness to serve. Education background is wonderful but not necessary. The school board provides oversight and support for our preschool program. The board regularly meets once a month, and that meeting time can change as needed by board membership. If you are willing and able to serve in this role to support this tremendous congregational ministry, please speak with Pastor Lieske or Dave Schlicker.

## GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

**Ongoing Concern:** Joel Hedtke, June Knopp, Jeff Johnson, Kyle Norman, Norm & Donna Schoening, Linda Schmidt, Bev Hess, Jerry Pribbernow, Janet Maack, Brian Fitzner, Jeremy Elshaug, Elaine Culp, Ned Stueve, Gene True, Jennifer Wood (Jerald & Tami Gerhardson's daughter), Jon Jastram (Phyllis Jastram's son), Dylan Maack (Bob & Janet Maack's grandson), Robin Roberts (Austin & Elaine Culp's daughter), Stephen Hauser (David Hauser's brother), Micah Sebek (Bobbie Adam's grandson), James Hohenstein (Karl Hohenstein's brother) Kate Matter (prior pre-school parent), Bridget Jackson (June Knopp's granddaughter), Jasmin Torvinen (great-granddaughter of Pastor & Ginny Lange), Brett Pixton (friend of Calvin & Helen Johansen), Eldon Anhorn (brother of Shirley Pribbernow), Nicole Reseburg (granddaughter of Barb Peloquin), Dora O'Brien (friend of Calvin & Helen Johansen), Steve Langland (Gary Schmidt's friend), James Retzlaff (Tina Eberle's dad), Veronica Schnoor, Ione Geistfeld (Sue Heidorn's mom), Carol Frost (friend of Jeff & Brenda Johnson), Richard Schlicker (Dave Schlicker's brother, T.K. Flynn (Adrienne Bolland's great-nephew)

**Homebound:** Gary Froehlich, Dick Anderson, Marlys Lueders, Ron Schulz, Lorraine Drews, Beverly Hess, Marilyn A. Boese, Norm & Donna Schoening,

**Expectant Mothers:** Rachael Larson



**Military:** Callen Mouritsen, MN National Guard; Lt. Col. 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); Lt. Col. George Hauser, DDS U.S. Army, Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX; (David & Mary Hauser's son); Gabe Erlandson, MN National Guard, (Ken & Toni Erlandson's son); Lt. Col. Joe 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



# July 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	A live, up-to-date calendar is available on our church website: <a href="http://www.trinityff.org">www.trinityff.org</a> <a href="#">Trinity Website</a>	On-Call Pastor Phone Number (218) 321-0993	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 12:00 Crafters 12:30 Quilters 4:00 Outreach Board	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> 9am Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study 11:30 Elders Mtg. Mites Sunday	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm New Member Class	<b>7</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 12:30 School Board 7 pm Trustees Board	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 12:00 Crafters 12:30 Quilters	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9-1:00 Crafters at the Farmer's Market
<b>12</b> 9 am Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study	<b>13</b> 1:30 Communion Service 4-6:00 Preschool Playdate 5:30 pm New Member Class	<b>14</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 12:00 Crafters 12:30 Quilters 3:00 Broen Home	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8 am Men's Network 9-1:00 Crafters at the Farmer's Market
<b>19</b> 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study 2:00 Trinity Cruise	<b>20</b> 5:30pm New Member Class  Newsletter items due	<b>21</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 12:00 Crafters 12:30 Quilters	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9-1:00 Crafters at the Farmer's Market
<b>26</b> 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study - Food Shelf Sunday	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm New Member Class	<b>28</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 9-3 Foot Care Clinic	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 12:00 Crafters 12:30 Quilters	<b>31</b>	<div style="border: 1px dashed red; padding: 5px;">             Regular office hours              for              July &amp; August              Tues. Wed. Thurs.              8:30-4:00           </div>

## JULY CELEBRATIONS!

### Birthdays

July 3 Jerry Pribbernow  
 July 4 Cheri Anderson  
 July 6 Abby Gerald  
 July 9 Shirley Pribbernow  
 July 9 Maxine Schmidt  
 July 11 Bev Hess  
 July 11 Darlene Reiter  
 July 16 Brenda Johnson  
 July 17 Janet Maack  
 July 17 Eric Schneeberger  
 July 22 Dan Beske  
 July 22 Everett Hedtke  
 July 24 Joel Hedtke  
 July 24 Dale Schmidt  
 July 29 Kari Hohenstein  
 July 30 Tammy Gerhardson

### Anniversaries

July 5 David & Esther Schlicker  
 July 13 Cal & Helen Johansen  
 July 28 Linda & Rodney Schmidt  
 July 30 Gary & Joan Schmidt

### Baptismal Birthdays

July 6 Jane Miller  
 July 6 Harold Phillips  
 July 7 Ollen Anderson  
 July 7 Larry Stein  
 July 9 Jonathan Drews  
 July 14 Donald Reiter  
 July 15 Helen Johansen  
 July 15 Gabriel Erlandson  
 July 16 Amy Beske  
 July 18 Jordyn Olson  
 July 18 Owen Olson  
 July 19 Bruce Kolle  
 July 19 Karma Schneeberger  
 July 20 Leon Dawkins  
 July 20 Abby Gerold  
 July 21 Jerry Pribbernow  
 July 24 Jakob Ness  
 July 27 Eric Schneeberger  
 July 30 Kendall Mouritsen  
 July 31 Dale Schmidt



## SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

### Greeters for July

July 5  
 Donna U. & Renee Goff  
July 12  
 Ken & Sue Heidorn  
July 19  
 David & Esther Schlicker  
July 26  
 Dale & Sharlene Schmidt

### Elders for July

July 5  
 Ken Erlandson  
July 12  
 Wayne Schoening  
July 19  
 Eric Schneeberger  
July 26  
 Wayne Goerdts

### Ushers for July

July 5  
 Gene Lindblom, Larry Stein,  
 & Arnold Bolland  
July 12  
 Jon Schoening, Jeff Johnson,  
 & Tim King  
July 19  
 Wayne Schoening,  
 Jonathan & Annie Roehl  
July 26  
 Bobbie Adam,  
 Blaine & Margie Rasmussen

### Altar Guild for July

July 5  
 Cal & Helen Johansen  
July 12  
 Ken & Sue Heidorn  
July 19  
 Esther Schlicker &  
 Sharlene Schmidt  
July 26  
 Brenda Johnson &  
 Bobbie Adam

### Acolytes for July

July 5  
 Ainsley & Austin  
July 12  
 Samuel & Isabella  
July 19  
 Ella & Analicia  
July 26  
 Jordyn & Kourtney

## “MSL North” Programs for July 2026

**July 5:** **Rev. Sam Pitsch**, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: **“Rest for Your Souls”** based on Matthew 11:29. *This Is the Life* program: **“Dream of His Own”** - *A father and son are at odds when their construction company will evict an Indian family.*

**July 12:** **Vicar J. Blaise Longhurst**, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: **“Planting the Seeds of Faith”** based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. *This Is the Life* program: **“Will to Live”** - *A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives.*

**July 19:** **Rev. Chris Waldvogel**, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: **“Sowing Good Seed for the Final Harvest”** based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. *This Is the Life* program: **“Interlude”**- *A husband and wife struggle with marital issues.*

**July 26:** **Rev. James Neubauer**, St. John Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN, presents the message: **“Treasured Pearl”** based on Matthew 13:44-52. *This Is the Life* program: **“Man in the Middle”** - *Two Men are left with a “secret” when one tells he has terminal cancer.*

**“MAIN STREET LIVING”** is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally **“This Is the Life,”** along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting at **9:00am Central time on the following FOX stations:** Fargo-Moorhead: KVRN Channel 15.1 or 10:00 on WDAY XTRA Channel 6.3

## Meet the Trinity Family



**Nadine & Myron Drevlow**

Myron and Nadine Drevlow are created, sinful, forgiven and saved children of God.

During their working years, Myron was a farmer and printer, and Nadine was a teacher, farmer's assistant, and accountant. They met at Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Prairie, MN. They lived in Long Prairie, the St. Cloud area, and Upsala before moving to Fergus Falls.

Some of Myron's favorite activities are and have been trying to follow God's plan, watching baseball (especially the MN Twins), riding around the neighborhood with his scooter, eating out, playing cards, and going on bus tours.

Some of Nadine's activities are and have been trying to follow God's plan, crocheting and sewing items for charity, particularly Orphan Grain Train, reading, playing cards and games, and going on LAMP trips and bus tours.

We appreciate our church and church family for the services, Bible Classes, and charitable nature of the congregation.



## Trinity Preschool



The preschool had a float in the Summerfest parade on June 13th. We had 10 students riding along with 9 other children. The kids enjoyed riding and being able to throw out candy. Thank you to all that donated for that.

Mrs. B and I have been busying cleaning, organizing and rearranging the classroom. It is a time consuming process but it is coming together. We are getting it ask ready for the school year and the two summer playdates. **Playdates are scheduled for Mondays July 13th and August 3rd from 4:00-6:00 pm.**

Registrations are slowly coming in. We are so grateful for your support! We would love it if you would share our preschool with anyone you know. - Mrs. Karma Schneeberger



# Trinity Happenings



Pastor Curtis & Jo Ann Deterding shared with us about their planned mission work in Mongolia for 3 months during each of the next two years.

We sent Asher and Anna Mort off to Missouri with a blessing. We will miss them here at Trinity!



Patrik Tostenson will be our adopted seminary student beginning this fall. He and his family will be moving from Fergus Falls to Fort Wayne, IN to begin his studies.

David & Shawn Schneeberger along with the Panama mission team gave a presentation about the January mission trip to Panama.



Immanuel Lutheran is having an **Independence Day Observance** on Sunday, July 5th at 11:00 at their cemetery. Leon Dawkins will lead the Star Spangled Banner and play TAPS, Abby Gerald will be singing, and Greta and Gabriella Gerold will fold the flag. Following the short program there will be a few fireworks, sparklers for the kids, and refreshments in the church. You can also have a tour of the new expansion. There will be folding chairs available, or if you are unable to walk to the cemetery, drive over and listen from your car. 22083 County Hwy. 10, Fergus Falls (10 miles north of Fergus).



## 2nd Annual Trinity Cruise



Car people, start your engines!

God has given us the gifts of friendship and fellowship.

Those of you who enjoy a drive in the countryside can join us in the Trinity parking lot on Sunday, July 19th at 2 pm. for a drive through lakes country, ending at a supper destination yet TBD.

If you have a vintage car, or even a not so vintage vehicle, consider sharing your afternoon with us. RSVP to JoAnn in the church office by July 9th since we need an approximate head count for the restaurant. 218-736-4869 or [secretary@trinityff.org](mailto:secretary@trinityff.org)

Contact Leon Dawkins with any questions. 218-731-2936

If you know anyone who would like to join the Homeschool Co-op in this, please contact Michele Lieske: [MicheleLieske@gmail.com](mailto:MicheleLieske@gmail.com) or direct them to our website, linked at the top of Trinity's website or scan this QR code.



## + CHURCH & PRESCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION +

Church Website	www.trinityff.org
Preschool Website	www.preschoolattrinity.org
On-Call Pastor Number	(218) 321-0993
Rev. Christopher Lieske, Pastor	(cell) (612) 554-5411 pastorl@trinityff.org
Church Office /JoAnn Orpen	(218) 736-4869 secretary@trinityff.org
Church Office Hours	Tues.-Thurs. 8:30-4:00
Preschool at Trinity/Karma Schneeberger	(cell) (218)770-2032 preschool@trinityff.org
Cemetery Sexton Cal Johansen	(218) 671-0383

### JULY SERVICE PLANS

**July 5** — Divine Service 3  
*The Fifth Sunday After Trinity*  
Hymns 566, 688, 750, 560, 856, 966

**July 19** — Divine Service 3  
*The Seventh Sunday After Trinity*  
Hymns 804, 819, 642, 625, 561, 900

**July 12** — Divine Service 3  
*The Sixth Sunday After Trinity*  
Hymns 595, 562, 603, 594, 698, 918

**July 26** — Divine Service 3  
*The Eighth Sunday After Trinity*  
Hymns 834, 745, 851, 647, 924, 643

## SERVING THE LORD AND YOU

### Trinity Congregational Officers

*Chairman* Schan Sorkness  
*Vice-Chairman* Jon Schoening  
*Treasurer* Cindy Schmidt  
*Secretary* Linda Schmidt  
*Financial Secretary* Sandy King

### Board Contact Persons

*Elders* Wayne Goerd  
*Christian Ed.* Esther Schlicker  
*Trustees* Margie Rasmussen  
*Stewardship* Larry Stein  
*Outreach* Dave Schneeberger  
*School* Dave Schlicker