

THE NOVEMBER 2026
TRINITY TRIBUNE



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

Dear friends in Christ,

The Second Commandment instructs “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God” (or as some of our more seasoned members may have learned it, “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain”). I don’t think any of us has to think too hard to recognize ways that this commandment is broken by some in conversation in our world today. Perhaps you are among the number who bear the guilt of breaking this commandment yourself (almost certainly, yes, you are). For the transgression of this commandment and all the others, we are called upon by the Lord Jesus to “repent and believe in the Gospel” (Mark 1:15).

What interests me with regard to this commandment, though, is not the ways we misuse it. It is the fact that God gives His name to us at all, and in fact, He invites us to use it.

In the ancient world, there was a common understanding that to have someone’s name was to have some sort of claim upon them. We can perhaps see this reflected in Exodus 3 when Moses, called from the burning bush to go lead God’s people out of Egypt, asks God for His name (Exodus 3:13). God’s response here might seem kind of evasive, but later, God clearly has delivered His name to His people in the written scriptures, where He is referred to as “Yahweh.” Interestingly, nearly every translation adheres to an older Hebrew custom in translating God’s name as “the LORD,” rather than using God’s name as it appears in the text. My understanding is that the Hebrew people did this because they feared breaking the Second Commandment, but their desire to be faithful led them to fearing a gift that God had given to them – the opportunity to call Him by name.

Psalm 50:15 states, “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” St. Peter writes similarly, in 1 Peter 5:7, that you can “cast all your anxieties on Him (God), because He cares for you.” The God of all creation invites you to call upon Him, and to call Him by name. He even goes so far as to make sure you would know Him aright by sending forth Jesus. In John 14:9, Jesus states, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” It is in Christ that we get the clearest vision of who God is and His disposition toward fallen humanity.

In fact, God not only gives you His name to utilize – He also places His name upon you. By baptismal water and the Word of God you are brought into the family of the Almighty as you are baptized “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” You bear the name of God, and so as you live as one of God’s redeemed children, your whole life is a life where you are using (and too often misusing) God’s name. But, much like your family name, you don’t receive it because you’ve earned it. You receive it as a gift, because you are part of the family. Rejoice!

This month brings Thanksgiving Day. We who have received God’s name, both in His Word and in baptismal water, are given yet another opportunity to give glory and thanks to our Triune God. Please join us at Trinity for the Thanksgiving Eve service, November 25 at 6 PM so that we can all thank our gracious God who gives such great blessings.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lieske



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.

November 1 The Third Article

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

November 8 The Seventh Commandment You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

November 15 The Office of the Keys

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

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November 29 Holy Baptism - Third

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)



On Sunday, October 4th, baby Griffin was joined to Jesus in Holy Baptism. Griffin is the son of Trevor and Rachael Larson. Praise be to God!



The Trinity Walking Club will start meeting on Tues., November 10th!

Everyone who is interested can come to the gym anytime between 12-1:30 on Tuesday and/or Thursday.

This year we will continue tracking individual laps. We are also going to add tracking the total of all walkers as

we journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, through Jerusalem, to Egypt, and back to Nazareth as a group.

Laps this year can also be counted outside of walking club days/hours.

Check with Adrienne for details and any questions. 218-770-7558



Mites Goal for November - \$100,000

Scholarships to Support International Deaconesses



The rapidly growing South East of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania partners with Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW) to train deaconesses for service to their expanding membership. These women will help address pressing community needs such as poverty, disease, disability, hunger, addiction, abuse, and lingering pagan practices that fracture families and leave many children as orphans and outcasts in desperate need of the love of Christ. This grant will provide scholarships for two students to complete their master-level deaconess studies through CTSFW's distance education program.



Belize 2027 Mission

Twelve volunteers including Shari Sorkness, Jerry Schmidt, Shawn & Dave Schneeberger from Trinity will be going on a mission trip to Belize in January 2027.

Belize is a little bigger than Israel and about the size of the state of Massachusetts. It is located in Central America and is bordered by Mexico, Guatemala and the Caribbean Sea. Belize has the world's second largest barrier reef and has two seasons, dry and wet. English is the country's official language and freedom of religion is valued and respected in Belize. The main denominations are Roman Catholic (40%) and Pentecostal (8%) even though Protestant evangelical denominations have steadily grown in recent decades.

Mission work began in 2006 through short term teams from St. John Lutheran Church in Ellisville, MO leading to the creation of the Belize Mission Society and the first permanent resident missionary in 2015. There are currently three LCMS missionaries in Belize – Rev. Micah and Robin Wildauer, Rev. Jason and Emily Groth and Rev. Herb and Markie Burch working to plant Lutheran churches across the country's six districts and support local ministries, preaching stations and mercy work.

Rev. Micah Wildauer serves in the capital city of Belmopan, as a church planter, working alongside a team of fellow missionaries and Belizean church leaders. He travels to preaching stations, catechizes the faithfully gathered through the Divine Service and Bible studies and reaches out to the lost through home visits. Through these efforts, he seeks to help form self-sustaining congregations and a future church body. Micah also serves as an adjunct professor for the regional seminary located in the Dominican Republic, where he assists in the pastoral formation of men throughout the Latin American region.

Rev. Jason Groth and his wife, Emily, serve the Lord as career missionaries where they plant Lutheran churches and coordinate the operations of Camp Concordia in Belmopan. In addition to these responsibilities, the Groths support short-term mission teams and facilitate acts of mercy.

Rev. Herb and Markie Burch serve the Lord by supporting other Lutheran ministries in Central and South America. Herb travels to several preaching stations throughout Belize where he preaches, coaches pastoral candidates and teaches adults and children about the Christian faith through Luther's Small Catechism. He also works with leaders of partner churches in Venezuela, Guatemala and the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico to share the Gospel, plant new Lutheran churches and show mercy. In addition, Herb visits and mentors young leaders in newly planted Lutheran churches in Honduras to encourage them and help expand their capabilities.

The team will be spending time in Seine Bight and Camp Concordia where they will be helping our missionary Pastors with a variety of construction projects when they travel to Belize from January 9-16. The commissioning service will be on Sun, Oct. 25 followed by a fellowship fundraiser to help with financial support for their short-term mission fees as well as providing prayer support before, during and after the trip. - To God be the glory!



New church members will be recognized this Sunday, October 25th. Welcome to the Trinity Family!!



Shari Sorkness, Jerry Schmidt, and Shawn & Dave Schneeberger are part of a mission team that will be traveling to Belize in 2027 and would appreciate your prayers and financial support. They are hosting a

fellowship fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 25th. Thank you! (Read all about the mission in the Outreach segment.)



Preschool at Trinity will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 31st from 2-3 pm in the Trinity parking lot. If you can provide a trunk, let Karma Schneeberger know. If you can

supply candy or money to purchase candy, please drop it off in the church office asap. Thank you!



The next evening of dartball will be on Monday, Nov. 2nd at Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes at 7:00. We will carpool from the Trinity parking lot at 5:45. Contact Wayne Schoening with questions.



The LWML Evening Circle has decided to start meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be on Nov. 12th.



Mark your calendars! The annual Voters Assembly Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22nd at 11:30. All members should try to attend. Watch your bulletin for specifics

regarding officer positions that need to be filled.

"MSL North" Programs for November 2026:

Nov. 1: Rev. Daniel Provost, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota, ND, and Peace Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND, presents the message: **"For All the Saints"** based on Rev. 7:2-17. *This Is The Life* program: **"Jeremy"** - Deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home.

Nov. 8: Rev. Christopher Durham, Wittenberg Chapel, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message for the **"Two Kingdoms, One Lord"** based on Proverbs, chapter 8. *This Is the Life* program: **"Flight Plan"** - A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian beginnings.

Nov. 15: Rev. David Suelzle, Crosspointe, Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents a message: **"Just Wait Until Your Father Gets Home!"** based on Zephaniah 1:7. *This Is the Life* program: **"Twisting Road"** - Fourth Commandment, human guilt and Divine forgiveness.

Nov. 29: Rev. Daniel Provost, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota, ND, and Peace Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND, presents the message: **"Hosanna to the Son of David"** based on Mark 11:1-10. *This is the Life* program: **"Red Boots Christmas"** - A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas.

"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

MSLN programs are also archived for one year and can be viewed at any time on www.mainstreetliving.com then click on "(Fargo)".

The amount of money that we have is determined by God.



Church	Attendance
Sept. 6th	102
Sept. 13th	106
Sept. 20th	103
Sept. 27th	112

“But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth” (Deut. 8:18)

GENERAL FUND	September 2026	Fiscal Year-to-date Total	% of Annual Budget	Current Fiscal Year Budget
Offering receipts	\$ 18,428	\$ 59,967	16%	\$369,950
School Gifts	\$ -	\$ 250	17%	\$1,500
School Tuition	\$ 3,231	\$ 4,231	17%	\$25,000
School other	\$ 578	\$ 1,718	5%	\$38,065
Total budget receipts	\$ 22,237	\$ 66,167	15.2%	\$434,515
Budget Expenses	\$ 28,863	\$ 88,805	20.4%	\$434,515
Budget Long/(short)	\$ (6,626)	\$ (22,638)	13 Sundays	
	Current month	Year-to-date		Annual budget
Average contributions	\$ 5,559.25	\$ 5,089.77	weekly	\$8,356.06
Average expenses	\$ 7,215.80	\$ 6,831.13	weekly	\$8,356.06





Vanco We now have a QR code that will bring you directly to Vanco - our electronic giving site. If you already have an account and give your offerings electronically, you do not need to do anything. This is simply a shortcut for giving a one time offering, or for those who want to get started with recurring electronic giving. You will be prompted to fill in all of the information that is needed for this secure site.

Please let the office know asap if you are switching to electronic giving and will not need offering envelopes for 2027.



GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

Ongoing Concern: Joel Hedtke, June Knopp, Kyle Norman, Donna Schoening, Bev Hess, Jerry Pribbernow, Janet Maack, Brian Fitzner, Jeremy Elshaug, Elaine Culp, Ned Stueve, Gene True, Veronica Schnoor, 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), Eldon Anhorn (brother of Shirley Pribbernow), Nicole Reseburg (granddaughter of Barb Peloquin), Carol Frost (friend of Jeff & Brenda Johnson), Richard Schlicker (Dave Schlicker's brother), T.K. Flynn (Adrianne Bolland's great-nephew), Johnny Klatt (friend of Karl Hohenstein)

Homebound: Gary Froehlich, Dick Anderson, Marlys Lueders, Ron Schulz, Beverly Hess, Marilyn A. Boese

Expectant Mothers: Jessa Rasmussen (daughter-in-law of Blaine and Margie Rasmussen), Alesha Sorkness (daughter-in-law of Schan and Shari Sorkness), Lexi Olson (daughter of Jay and Nancy Olson)

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 Buelmann, Germany (TIM Missionary); Jacque Breman, Africa; Ashley Lehr, Puerto Rico; Rev. Arthur & Deaconess Eva Rickman, Panama; Rev. Curtis & Jo Ann Deterding, Mongolia; Rev. Adam Lehman, Puerto Rico; Rev. James & Deaconess Christel Neuendorf, Puerto Rico; Rev. Gustavo & Ruth Maita, Puerto Rico

Fill out a prayer request card (in the kiosk) or call or email the church office or the Pastor with prayer requests.



November 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Elders Mtg. Mites Sunday	2 9:10 Chapel 7:00 - Dartball in DL	3 9:10 Chapel 2pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Trustees Board	4 1 pm Lydia Circle 4:00 Confirmation	5 12:00 Crafters 12:30 Quilters	6 10-11:30 Biblical Languages	7
8 9am Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study 10:45 Sunday School	9 9:10 Chapel 1:30 Communion Service	10 9:10 Chapel 12-1:30 Walking club 2pm Women's Bible Study	11  2 pm Knitting & crocheting 4:00 Confirmation 6:30 MCCL Mtg.	12 12-1:30 Walking club 12:00 Crafters 12:30 Quilters 6 pm Outreach Board 6:30pm Evening Circle	13	14
15 9 am Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 Bible Study	16 9:10 Chapel 4-6 pm Preschool Play Date	17 9:10 Chapel 12-1:30 Walking club 2:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Church Council	18 4:00 Confirmation	19 12-1:30 Walking club 12:00 Crafters 12:30 Quilters 3:00 Broen Home	20 10-11:30 Biblical Languages Newsletter Items Due	21 8 am Men's Network
22 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 Bible Study 11:30 Voters Assembly Meeting	23 9:10 Chapel	24 9:10 Chapel 12-1:30 Walking club 2pm Women's Bible Study	25 2 pm Knitting & crocheting 4:00 Confirmation 6:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service	26  Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28
29 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 Bible Study Food Shelf Sunday	30 9:10 Chapel		On-Call Pastor Phone Number (218) 321-0993	A live, up-to-date calendar is available on our church website: www.trinityff.org Trinity Website	School year Church office hours: Tues.-Thurs. 8:30-4:00 Fri. 8:30-12:00	

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Nov.7 Holly Beighley
Nov.10 Cindy Schmidt
Nov.11 Lilli Ann Ness
Nov.13 Izabella Olson
Nov.14 Andrew Krog
Nov.14 Kathie Lindblom
Nov.15 Ken Erlandson
Nov.16 Brier Ness
Nov.25 Joann Schultz
Nov.29 Maitland Torgusson
Nov.29 Donna Umlauf

Anniversaries

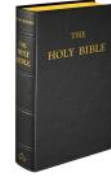
Nov.17 Melissa & Chris Flom
Nov.18 Jon & Julie Drews
Nov.26 Margie & Blaine
Rasmussen



Baptismal Birthdays

Nov. 1 Marcella Koennicke
Nov. 4 Dennis Gerold
Nov. 4 Jonathan Roehl
Nov. 8 Bradley Grim
Nov. 11 Martin Wellbrock
Nov. 11 Noah Goff
Nov. 14 Renee Goff
Nov. 14 Vivien Hedtke
Nov. 15 Sue Schroeder
Nov. 16 Esther Schlicker
Nov. 18 Laural Floen
Nov. 18 Aria Flerchinger
Nov. 19 Geoffrey Melby
Nov. 20 Greta Gerold
Nov. 22 Tucker Johnson
Nov. 24 Maxine Schmidt
Nov. 24 Chad Stueve
Nov. 28 Kyle Beske
Nov. 29 Jeremy Elshaug
Nov. 29 Crosby Neubauer
Nov. Anne Roehl

Chapel Bible Verses/Hymns for 2026-27



September - Psalm 139:14 - "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." - Song - Seek Ye First LSB 712

October - Luke 5:32 - "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." - Song - Children of the Heavenly Father LSB 725

November - Philippians 4:4 - "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." Song - Now Thank We All Our God LSB 895

December - Matthew 1:21 - "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" - Song - O Come All Ye Faithful LSB 379

January - John 1:5 - "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - Song - As With Gladness Men of Old LSB 397

February - Romans 5:8 - "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Song - My Song is Love Unknown LSB 430

March - John 11:25 - "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." - Song - All Glory, Laud, and Honor LSB 442

April - John 16:33 - "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart; I have overcome the world." - Song - Alleluia! Jesus is Risen LSB 474

May - Matthew 28:20 - "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Song - Go My Children With My Blessing LSB 922

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Greeters for October

November 1
Ken & Sue Heidorn
November 8
Dale & Sharlene Schmidt
November 15
Cal & Helen Johansen
November 22
Donna U. & Renee G.
November 29
David & Esther Schlicker

Elders for October

November 1
Ken Erlandson
November 8
Wayne Goerd
November 15
Gary Schmidt
November 22
Aaron Schultz
November 25 6:00
Ken Erlandson
November 29
Wayne Schoening

Ushers for October

November 1
Jon S., Jeff J. & Tim K.
November 8
Wayne S., Jon & Annie R.
November 15
Bobbie A., Blaine & Margie
November 22
Gary S., Callen M.
Dennis G. & David S.
November 25 - 6:00
Eric & Karma Schneeberger
November 29
Rodney, Dale, & Jerry S.

Altar Guild for Oct.

November 1
Ken & Sue Heidorn
November 8
Cal & Helen Johansen
November 15
Esther S. & Nadine D.
November 22
Brenda J. & Bobbie A.
November 29
Margie R. & Sue H.

Acolytes for Oct.

November 1
Lauriauna & Jackson
November 8
Jace & Samuel
November 15
Liam & Ella
November 22
Jaelynn & Adrian
November 29
Jordyn & Ainsley

Meet the Trinity Family



Ken and Toni Erlandson were blessed to be welcomed into the church family at Trinity in 2020.

For Ken, however, it was a return to Trinity, where he had been baptized in 1961 and confirmed in 1977. It was especially meaningful in that this was Ken's parents' (Leonard and Marion) and grandparents' (Charlie and Dorothy Schiermann) home congregation. Growing up at Trinity, Ken has good memories of attending Sunday School and Confirmation, VBS, being involved in the ACT (Active Christian Teens), the Live Christmas Nativity, going on the youth Boundary Waters Canoe Trip, serving as an acolyte and usher and attending the High School Sunday Morning Bible class led by the Vicars.

Toni was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in Augusta, Wisconsin. Now both Toni and Ken receive the blessings of being nourished and fed by Our Gracious God through His Word and Blessed Sacraments here at Trinity. They also rejoice in being able to use their gifts in our Lord's kingdom work (Toni has served in LWML and serves on the Board of Outreach. Ken serves on the Board of Elders. Together they have also served as VBS helpers and the VBS Mission at Norway House in Manitoba).

Toni graduated from high school in Augusta, Wisconsin and then attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse. She earned a teaching degree in Mathematics and has a minor in Psychology. Later, she earned a special education degree from Concordia St. Paul.

Ken graduated from high school in Fergus Falls and then attended and graduated from Concordia College in St. Paul in the Director of Christian Education program (with an emphasis in Youth and Outdoors Ministry) and with a minor in business.

Ken's internship and first call after graduation was to Camp Luther in Three Lakes, Wisconsin. He and Toni met there while both serving on summer staff. Later after graduating from UW – LaCrosse, Toni took a teaching position in Rhinelander, Wisconsin (30 minutes from Camp Luther).



They were engaged in the fall of 1988 and married at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Eagle River, Wisconsin on August 26, 1989. They moved to Tucson,

Arizona and served as apartment managers. When their daughter Stephanie was born in 1991 Ken put his name on the LCMS call list and received a call to serve as Deacon at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Duluth. While in Duluth their daughter Molly and son Rick were born.

In 1998, Ken received a call to Christ Lutheran in Platte Woods, Missouri. While in Missouri their daughter Emily was born. In 2001, Ken received a call to serve as Executive Director at Lutheran Island Camp. Ken served at Lutheran Island Camp through May of 2021. While at Camp they adopted their sons Michael, Darius, Alex and Gabe. Toni also began teaching at Henning School. Toni and Ken are blessed with eight children, five in-laws, and twelve grandchildren (three of those are due in 2027). God is good!

Their hobbies and interests include Ken manning their bird feeding stations, Toni reading and both doing the gardening and bird watching. They both enjoy playing board games, taking their annual family trip to the Boundary Waters on the Gunflint Trail, and above all spending time with their family, grandchildren, and friends. Toni and Ken have also continued to serve in the Otter Tail County foster care program since 2007.

Having moved to Fergus Falls in 2020, Toni continues to teach at Henning School and Ken substitute teaches at area schools and helps at area congregations.

Toni's confirmation verse is Psalm 37:39a and Ken's is Matthew 6:33. Some of their favorite books of the Bible are: Toni's is Isaiah. Ken's is St. Luke and Ephesians. Each day they also meditate on the Psalms. We give thanks to God for his enfolding us into the Christian family here at Trinity Lutheran Church.





We are loving the fall weather and enjoy playing outside as much as possible. The kids were so excited to play behind the church with the mud kitchen and sandbox, and loved running up and down the hill. We also went to the 'climbing' tree to look for leaves and other fall nature items, and

the kids even built a campfire. I just love watching the kids use their imaginations and see what they come up with.



So far in October we have done multiple crafts, and even used our snack as a craft one day. The Tower of Babel was the lesson that week, so we built towers with crackers and frosting.



We are working hard at learning our letters in sign language. It is amazing to see their faces light up when they remember the letters from the previous weeks.



Even with a few days off in October we have a few more fun activities planned. We will be painting pumpkins the last week of the month and having a costume/pajama party to add more fun to our classroom. Then on Saturday October 31st, there will be a trunk-r-treat event in the parking lot from 2:00-3:00 pm. This event is open to the public to come and enjoy.

Looking ahead to November, there will be a fall play date on Monday November 16th from 4:00-6:00 pm. The kids will also be inviting their families to a Thankful Feast the week of Thanksgiving.



Trinity Home School Co-op in October

In October our 12 families met twice. Chapel with pastor is always a treat. Three of our families stated that chapel was the reason they signed up and travel almost an hour to come to our co-op! Each week after chapel, the children are given an opportunity to speak in front of everyone gathered. Many of the kids recited Bible verses while some recited parts of Luther's Small Catechism. Pastor does an excellent job engaging the children of all ages, teaching a Bible Story, a Bible verse, and a Hymn. For October the children learned Luke 5:32 and the hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father (LSB #725).



Mrs. Sylvia Ratcliffe music class is a joy to watch. The children are working on rhythm as well as singing hymns and other songs. The children have been working on speed (with the olders learning about Largo, Andante, Allegro, and Presto).

It was fun to watch them doing the "Grand Old Duke of York" with Sylvia. Sylvia has also taken them through the basics of drumming and different rhythms that fit into four beats. They sure had fun doing that!



Our first week of co-op we went on a field trip to Fire Station. We learned about changing our fire detectors, being careful with batteries, and how to use a fire extinguisher. After a tour of the fire station (during which the children got to climb inside a fire truck), the firemen had a fire for the moms to try putting out with

a fire extinguisher. Several of the moms gave it a try, including Trinity's own Abby Gerold, who did a wonderful job and engaged the children at the same time.



For our second week of co-op in October, we had a guest speaker. Clint Converse, a retired DNR officer, spoke to us about trapping and catching gophers. We learned about all the problems gopher holes can cause and were entertained with some funny stories of Clint's experiences trapping and catching them. He even brought in some frozen dead gophers for the children to see!



Following our speaker, the kids got some time in the gym to run and play and build friendships. It's always fun to watch the children!

We look forward to November when we will have a visit from Gary Schmidt and his truck. November is also when we make Christmas ornaments for Trinity's homebound members.



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

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NOVEMBER SERVICE PLANS

November 1 — Divine Service 1

All Saints Day

Hymns 875, 677, 671, 621, 680, 676

November 8 — Divine Service 1

Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity

Hymns 782, 714, 587, 850, 754, 941

November 15 — Divine Service 1

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Trinity

Hymns 750, 755, 527, 752, 818, 703

November 22 — Divine Service 1

Last Sunday in the Church Year

Hymns 571, 516, 508, 641, 515, 922

November 25 — Prayer & Preaching

Thanksgiving Eve

Hymns 892, 785, 803, 895

November 29 — Divine Service 3

Ad Te Levavi—First Sunday of Advent

Hymns 331, 332, 341, 350, 334, 343

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