

# THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



Dear Friends and Family  
of Trinity,

Several years ago it was my privilege (I use the word carelessly!) to help escort 52 United Methodist high school students to a week of Biblically based seminars in

Washington, D.C, and New York. Most of the students came from small, or very small communities in SD, many lived on ranches; only four had ever been on a plane before and most of them had never been out of the state of South Dakota! I knew as an adult leader, I was in for an adventure.

One of the students on the trip, a young woman named Tracey, was from one of the three churches I was serving at that time. She was very excited about going to New York, "the Big Apple", to see the glittering lights of Broadway, and to be part of the excitement that was to be found in "the city that never sleeps" Her idea of New York was based completely on all of the glamour and glitz she had seen in movies. That was NOT what the seminar was about!

Tracey was not happy when she discovered she would have to share her comfortable but not fancy hotel room with one roommate. She was even more unhappy when we moved to the YMCA, where she had to share a room with three other roommates and several cockroaches. She found the city dirty, and at that time, it was. Garbage was piled head-high on the streets and often what appeared to be bags of garbage blocking the sidewalks were homeless people sleeping on the subway grates in an attempt to stay warm. She nearly threw up the first time she saw people eating out of garbage cans. She couldn't wait to get home. "I just feel dirty" she kept saying.

It was required that all of the youth who went on the trip had to give reports to their home churches

about their experiences and what they had learned. I wanted Tracey to be truthful, and yet I was really worried about what she was going to say! She started to tell about the garbage, the street people, and how dirty she felt...and then she stopped, and she said, "I came home and I went into Brookings, and there coming down the street was an old man in a ragged coat, shuffling along in shoes that didn't fit. He obviously hadn't had a bath or a shave for a long time, and he was carrying what was probably all his worldly belongings in a back pack, which was heavy enough to make him slump and slouch as he walked along, and I said to myself, "O my God (I am quoting Tracey here), they have followed me home!"

And then Tracey stopped, sobbed, and with tears running down her cheeks, she added, "And then I said, no he didn't follow me home; he has been here all the time. I just didn't see him".

I knew in that moment that Tracey's life and outlook had indeed been changed on that trip. "He has been here all the time, I just didn't see him".

I wonder how true that might be for many of us as well. Do we really see the hurt and pain, the fear and loneliness, the hunger and the financial stress right here, close to home. Do we really know the terror that might be residing in the house right next to us? Do we know how many people cry buckets of tears waiting for children to call or someone to just stop by to say "Hi" and for a few moments banish the loneliness? Do we hear the sobs of those who have lost loved ones, and still miss them, while our lives have returned to normal?

And even if we do see and if we do hear, what do we do about it? The Psalmist reminded us of our responsibility "to defend the weak and fatherless and to uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed" but before we can do that---we have to see them! --

*Pastor Penny*

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun

Vice President: N/A

Secretary: Kathy Wilkening

Treasurer: N/A

Christian Ed: Nikki Smith

Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner

Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk

Lay Ministry: Eloise Miller

Worship: Jan Ringeisen

Youth: Teresa Zaharia



## Trinity Lutheran Council Meeting June 9, 2021

### 7 Members Present:

Kathy Wilkening, Yvonne Noorlun, Rhonda Bonk, Teresa Zaharia, Jan Ringeisen, Dallas Wegner, Eloise Miller

**Pastor's Report-**Penny Ritter has contact with members, purpose/prayer, sent several "Glad You were Here" cards.

**Secretary Report-** was accepted with corrections.

**Treasure's Report-** Yvonne Noorlun From January to May the general fund is \$16,960 above budget.

**Stewardship**—None

### Lay Ministry/Evangelism-

May 16 was Senior Recognition Sunday. Three seniors received a WELCA quilt, graduation card and gift, as well as a poster on display made by Laurie Wille. Also is sending out Birthday and Anniversary cards.

**Church Properties-** Keeping up with lawn mowing and spraying of weeds.

**Christian Ed** – none

**Youth**— The National Youth Gathering will held in Minneapolis in 2022.

**Worship-** Will revisit the Synod for guidelines for social distancing for ushers, and communion servers during church serves.

### Old Business:

Help is needed to plan the Waffle Breakfast for Truman Days  
**New Business:**

**We are Still looking for a Vice President. Please help!**

The council has approved the Tuesday morning coffee at 9 am.

Profinium Paying it Forward has given Trinity \$500 for the repainting of the Cross outside and new letters on the sign in front of the church.

Teresa motioned to adjourn at 8:00 and Jan seconded.

Submitted by Secretary  
Kathy Wilkening



## Treasurer's Summary Report As of May 31, 2021

Checking Account Bal.	\$19,222
Savings Account Bal.	\$44,798

April:	
General Fund Income	\$ 8,919
General Fund Expenses	\$ 3,934
Net Long	\$ 4,985

May:	
Cash Available	\$19,222
Bills to pay	\$ 4,365
Cash long	\$14,857

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS –July—August

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
July 4	Ezek 2:1-5	Ps. 123	2 Cor 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 11	Amos 7:7-15	Ps. 85:8-13	Eph 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 18	Jer 23:1-6	Ps. 23	Eph 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 25	2 Kings 4:42-44	Ps. 145:10-18	Eph 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
August 1	Exod 16:2-4, 9-15	Ps. 78:23-29	Eph 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
August 8	1 Kings 19:4-8	Ps. 34:1-8	Eph 4:25—5:2	John 6:35,41-51
August 15	Prov 9:1-6	Ps. 34:9-14	Eph 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
August 22	Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18	Ps. 34:15-22	Eph 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
August 29	Deut 4:1-2, 6-9	Ps 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### DAVID

#### A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

For several weeks this summer, our worship services will be slightly-only slightly- different from our usual Sunday morning worship services, as we will be doing a series about David, a man after God's own heart. There will be some interruptions in the series to allow for some special services.

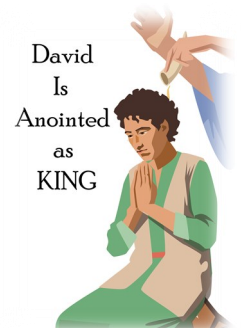
While the "elements" of a worship service – confession, assurance-communion-hymns-prayers-etc. will all be there, they will be structured around the life and loves of David. The Scriptures, which will be read, in "reader's theater style", even involving the congregation at times, will for the most part be taken from I and II Samuel; hymns will be reflective of David's many Psalms, as will the prayers.

The purpose of this small change in the format is two-fold: first to simply add some variety in worship, perhaps creating some more interest for persons who aren't always comfortable with everything always the same; and secondly, we so often only hear bits and pieces

about those men and women we call "Bible heroes", and sadly, that often makes them supermen and women in our minds, so totally different from us, we can't relate to them and their relationships with God. In truth, they are much like us—sinners saved by the grace of God, not their own goodness or gifts.

Needed for the service are persons willing to read parts in the Scripture scripts-which are prepared weeks in advance, so there is plenty of time to become familiar with the lines; there are no hot and heavy costumes, or rehearsals. Also needed for two or three Sundays, persons willing to help teach us some children's songs-real children's songs about David. I have the music.

I sincerely hope you find the David series to be a meaningful exploration into his life, his faults, his failures, his successes and his unending love of God..and God's unending love for him...and I hope you discover that worship happens in lots of ways—if our hearts are right!!







## WELCA News

It is wonderful to see things beginning to be normal after COVID. We can now sit where we want to in church rather than sitting according to the tape and ribbons, and we can go without masks! Tuesday morning coffee at church has started again, the first since March 17 of 2020! WELCA will soon be resuming our normal activities, too.

School supplies should soon be on sale, so we will be working on our school bags for Lutheran World Relief. Our plan is to fill at least thirty bags. The following items are needed:

- 120-70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper (four needed for each bag)
- 18 rulers with centimeters (or both inches & cm)
- 16 2 ½ inch erasers
- 27 pencil sharpeners
- 26 blunt or safety scissor
- 22 boxes of crayons—**only 16 or 24 count boxes please**
- 23 packs of five ball point pens, blue or black ink, secured with a rubber band—no gel pens

There will be a container for the purchased items in the quilting room and a paper to list the amount of items as they are added to the container. Once the items start to come in, I will try to list in the Sunday bulletins the amounts needed.

**You do not need to be an active WELCA member to help with this project!**

Living Meadows in Madelia is planning a Fall Festival to be held September 28th, to replace for this year's Spring Festival normally held

in April. At our WELCA meeting in April we decided we would probably have a salad luncheon in September rather than in June.

Our next meeting will be at the normal date—August 16th at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by Barb Shoen



### UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$61,097.20

Hy-Vee-\$45,693.25

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

*\*\*Please make sure the receipts are not getting cut off -- this makes them useless.*

## LAWN CARE TEAM FOR JULY

6/29-7/4– Monty Selnes  
 7/5-7/11-Vern Quade  
 7/12-7/18-Chris Mosloski  
 7/19-7/25-Dallas & Tom K.  
 7/26-8/1-Clayton D.



August 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	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				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> <b>In-person Service at 10:00 am on Sunday's &amp; live on FB</b>	<u>SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-7:00-11:00 Wed- 7:00-11:00 Fri-7:00-11:00		 DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM CHURCH	1	2	3
4 <b>NO In-person Services</b> <b>Facebook service streamed at 10 AM</b>	5  Office Closed Today	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Church Council Meeting 7 PM	15	16	17
18 <u>Communion</u>	19	20	21	22	23 <u>TRUMAN</u> <i>Green Lake's Annual Men in Mission Golf Tournament</i>	24 <u>DAYS</u> Trinity's Annual Waffle Breakfast 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## LAWN CARE TEAM - AUGUST

7/26-8/1-Clayton D.

8/2-8/8-Chris Mosloski


8/9-8/15-Dean G.—Mark D.

8/16-8/22-Duane H & Steve G.

8/23-8/29-Grant Hartman



September 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Communion</u>	2	3	4	5 	6	7
8	9	10	11 Church Council Meeting 7 pm	12	13	14
15 <u>Communion</u>  8:45 am Confirmation class	16  WELCA Meeting 1:30 pm	17  County Fair	18	19	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29  8:45 am Confirmation Class	30	31			SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  Mon-7:00-11:00 Wed- 7:00-11:00 Fri-7:00-11:00	<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>  In-person Service at 10:00 am on Sunday's & live on FB

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



### THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Trinity congregation for those who sent cards, memorials and prayers to our family at the loss of Jeanette Wille. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

*Jerome, Laurie and Keven Wille*



### Congratulations to Miriah Mosloski & Taylor Beebe on

the birth of Oaklynn Sage Beebe. She was born on May 7, 2021 at Fairmont MCHS. Oaklynn weighed 7 lbs and 3 oz and was 21 inches long. She has a big sister to welcome her home, Aubree who is 4 years old. Proud Grandparents from Trinity are Sadie & Chris Mosloski.

Former member, Kent Williamson recently had cancer surgery. Cards can reach him at:

1908 2nd Ave. N  
Minneapolis, MN 55405



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Trinity has been blessed with several gifts:

- Profinum Bank has gifted \$500 to Trinity for their "Pay it Forward" program.



The money was used towards the painting of the outside cross and upgrading the letters and numbers on the sign. We are also replacing the street sign on the Boekett corner.

- Zion Lutheran in Lewisville gifted their beautiful Christmas Cactus. They are grateful we are an open and welcoming congregation.
- Zaharia Family Funeral donated the wooden cross and eternal light that came from The Baptist church. They will probably go in the gathering room.

We thank all who have been so generous.



Prayers

*We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:*

**Ardene Miller, Larry Miller and Rosalie Heckman.** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*



# Green Lake News

## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

Best Ball  
Tournament



**LUTHERAN  
MEN IN  
MISSION**

**Friday, July 23, 2021**

Redwood Falls Golf Club,  
Redwood Falls, MN

- Registration: 2:30 pm
- Shotgun Start: 3:00 pm
- Price: \$65.00 per golfer  
Includes GOLF CART,  
green fees, meal, prizes  
and a donaton to LMM

**Registration Deadline: Monday, July 19th**

### *Help Grow Leaders in Rural Ministry*

#### **Fund for Leaders Endowment**

The SW MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) provides for seminary tuition scholarships. Recipients will have an openness and commitment to future service in rural settings.

The profit from the LMM golf tournament goes into the LMM's Fund for Leaders Endowment to help grow leaders.

Donations to the LMM Scholarship Endowment Fund are appreciated even if you are not able to participate in the Golf Tournament.



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## Quilt Auction

AT GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP

### **Friday, July 23**

- Quilt Review • 3:00-8:00 PM
- Silent Auction Opens • 3:00 PM
- Hotdish Supper • 4:30-7:00 PM
- Beachfront Concert • 5:30-7:00 PM
- Fresh Doughnuts and Concessions

- Meals: \$7.00 per person
- Quilt Review: \$3.00 per person

### **Saturday, July 24**

- Quilt Review • 9:00-11:00 AM
- Pulled Pork Lunch • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Live Auction Begins • 12:00 PM  
featuring multiple antique quilts!
- Silent Auction Closes • 4:00 PM
- Online Quilt Auction Closes • 5:00 PM
- Fresh Doughnuts and Concessions

### **Fresh Doughnuts**

Fresh doughnuts will be available for preorder starting **July 19** for pick up on July 23 and July 24. \$1.00 per doughnut. Order online at [www.gllm.org/quilt-auction](http://www.gllm.org/quilt-auction) or call our office at 320-796-2181.

### **Beachfront Concert: The Root Beer Choir**

Join us on the shores of Green Lake for an evening of music with **The Root Beer Choir** (from The Goat Ridge Brewing Company) on Friday, July 23! Sing your favorite songs and enjoy a root beer float! Come to Green Lake Bible Camp by car, foot or boat! There's no fee to join us - but a donation would be appreciated!

### **Online Bidding Available!**

Can't attend the live Quilt Auction? No problem! All quilts and Silent Auction items will be available for online bidding through our website using GiveSmart, **beginning July 18.**

**Proceeds from this event** support our Annual Fund which allows us to provide fun, safe, quality, Christ-centered camping and retreating opportunities for people of all ages.

**Learn more and bid online at [www.gllm.org/quilt-auction](http://www.gllm.org/quilt-auction)**





# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dave & Pat Baarson (49 years) Dallas & Arlene Wegner (32)	2 <b>Barb Shoen (89 years)</b>	3
4	5	6	7	8 Mike Heckman	9 Dave Kahler	10 Dale Wiederhoeft
11	12 Brady & Heidi Selnes (7 years)	13 Steve Graham	14	15	16	17 Alaina Klassen
18	19 Jaiden Cook	20 Melissa & Logan Werner (8 years) Sam & Ciera Geistfeld (2 yr)	21 Vicky Schwanz Melissa Werner	22 Ron Kelley Jared Zupfer	23 Terresa Davis	24 Pam Rode Thomas Kotewa
25 Jeff Maloney Dave & Tonia Kahler (37 years)	26	27 <b>Doyle Peterson (86 years)</b>	28 Larry Miller	29 David Michalke Vern & JoAnn Quade (44 years)	30 Karsan Davis Tammy Selnes	31

# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Dave &amp; Cathy Sorenson (51 years)</b>	3 Monty Selnes	4 Derek Mohwinkel	5 Rick & Terresa Davis (23 yrs) Mike & Rhonda Bonk (32 years)	6 Britta Hartman	7 Mike Taylor Brenda Hansen Allison Klassen Dan & Allison Klassen (17 yrs)
8	9	10 Peter Shoen Margaret & Mark Durkee (36 years)	11 Amy Pettersen	12		14
15	16	17 <b>Connie Selnes (82 years)</b>	18 Chad Hastad Nikki Smith	19	20 Karen & Tom Kneeland (38 years)	21 Diana Hovdet
22	23 Adley Butler	24 Luke Hinton	25	26	27 LuElla Kautz Howard Kautz Grant & Britta Hartman (27)	28
29	30	31				

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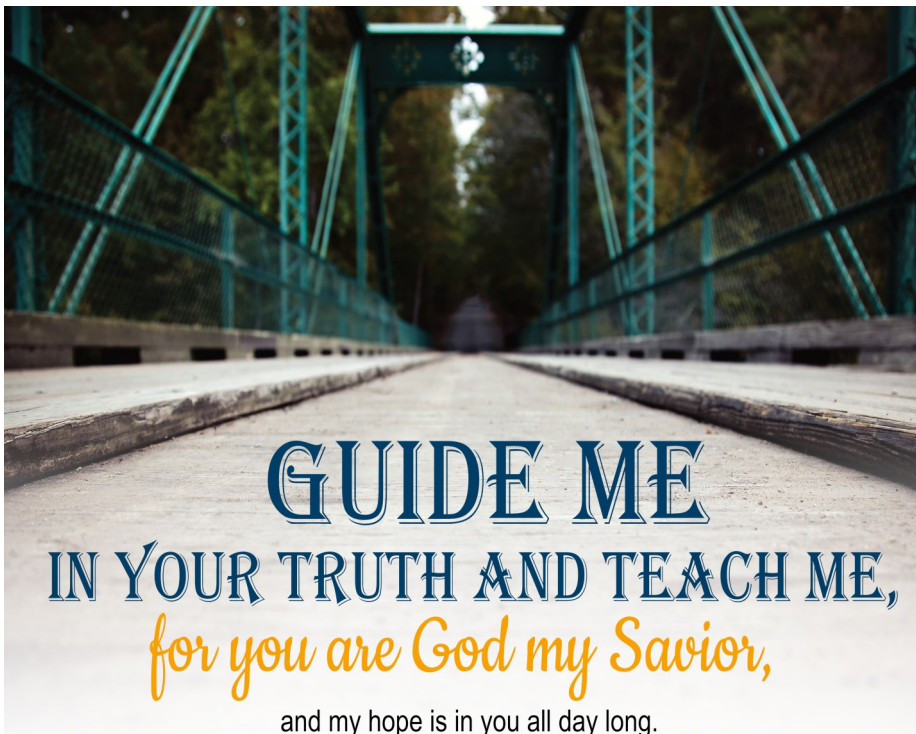
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## THE MESSENGER


JULY/AUGUST 2021



Psalms 25:5, NIV

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