



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



## *"Tell Me a Story"*

Dear Trinity Family,

A dear friend, parent educator, and colleague shared this article. As we begin our Growing in Faith Together programs, I encourage you to think about not just your biological families but also our faith families. How are we? How can we share our faith? Through our stories....

Let me introduce you to one of the of my friends, someone who has shared many stories of her life and faith with me - Marilyn Sharpe. (This article is shared with you with Marilyn's permission. )

### *Tell Me A Story*

Our youngest grandchild, who is six years old, joins us every Sunday night for family dinner with the rest of our local family. Invariably, she asks both her papa and nana to "Tell me a story ..." Sometimes she will prescribe the characters in the story or the content or the lesson to be learned. Instead of being bored or rolling her eyes at the familiar tales, she leans into them.

I just wish I had done this more often with my grandparents, so that today I would remember their stories and pass them on to their great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Jesus told stories to his most intimate disciples and to those he healed and to assembled masses, over and over and over again. Consider how easy it is to remember the core of Jesus' teachings by remembering the stories or parables or metaphors or similes, in which he embedded his greatest values. Why? To make them memorable. To reach across the millennia and across cul-

tures and languages. To make them core to who we are and remind us of whose we are.

So, why should we tell stories to those we love and teach and want to know better?

This is the way we help others to know us, really know us. This isn't just about sharing facts, but sharing our core values and the experiences or tales that make us who we are.

Yes, it is also an engaging way of sharing information. If a plate, a picture, a rug, or a chair has a story, it helps others to see some of our "things" as having a value other than the one that our culture ascribes to them.

And what about those who are no longer able to tell their own stories or engage with the children in our midst? We can share some of their stories to make them more 3-dimensional and fuller than their present reality. Stories are a great way of bridging the generations.

This helps them know they belong not just to the here and now, but to a long line of those that have gone before them. It gives them identity. It may also be a way to know about people no longer alive or in our lives, who have also shaped us ... and them.

Tell children the stories you know about their lives before they were old enough to remember. Use family photos or memorabilia. They will cherish these stories, too.

Stories also share the values and attitudes we hope they will learn from us and live to pass on to the next generation and the next.

They will learn our fallibility, that we have made mistakes. (Oh, yes, share these stories, too.) And they will hear both about forgiveness - God's and others' - and learn that we are resilient. They can trust that their worst moment is not the one that defines them ... or us.

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## TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun  
Vice President: Grant Hartman  
Secretary: Cathy Sorenson  
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Duane Heckman  
Stewardship: Dave Sorenson  
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille  
Worship: Barb Mager  
Youth: Britta Hartman  
Pastor Krista

### Trinity Lutheran Church September 12, 2018

Present: Clayton Duncanson, Nikki Smith, Yvonne Noorlun, Duane Heckman, Britta and Grant Hartman, Barb Mager, Laurie Wille, Pastor Krista, Dave and Cathy Sorenson

Yvonne called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was accepted as read. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. We again fell behind in our giving in August. We were behind \$3275 and Clayton had to take \$8000 out of a savings account to pay the bills. Yvonne had a check from Thrivent Choice Dollars for \$450.

#### BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship: The committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to get organized for the fall Pony Express project. Other ideas on how to increase participation are welcome.

Lay Ministry: Nothing new to report but Laurie enjoyed the first day of Wednesday School/GIFT.

Church Properties: Duane has put up 4 handicapped parking signs and a reserved sign for Pastor Krista. He will be con-

tacting the American Pest Control company to get rid of the bats in the church. It was decided to get this done as soon as possible. WELCA has volunteered to pay the \$700 bill. A HUGE thank you to this hard-working group.

Christian Education: There were



over 25 students and over 10 volunteer helpers (in addition to

Pastor Krista, Nikki, Kim and Laurie) that came to the first Wednesday School/GIFT. It was a great afternoon.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the food. That many kids eat A LOT. We anticipate the numbers will grow.

Youth: There will be a "newbie night" on Sunday, September 16 to welcome the 7th graders to League. They will be making plans to host the election supper in November.

Worship: The polka service will be held on October 7 at 8:30 AM.

WELCA will be serving a brunch after the service. Division A will be in charge. Trinity has hosted this service for 12 years. There has been declining attendance and the worship board is asking for input into whether we should continue to have the service. Please talk to Barb Mager, Pam, or Yvonne with your opinion.

Pastor Krista: Josh and Heather Tonkin will be talking about their trip to South Africa during the service on September 23. The Servant Leadership Camp and VBS went very well. Pastor asked for another storage cart to help facilitate the activities during GIFT. Motion carried order one. The cart will be paid with Sunday School funds.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

All agreed that God's Work-Our

**God's work.  
Our hands.**

Hands Sunday went well. We are very grateful for the many adults and the 6 kids

who worked very hard trimming trees, picking up sticks and garbage, etc. Truman Senior Living was thrilled with the work done at that facility. The group who stayed at the church packaged 100 bags for the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to all of you.



#### NEW BUSINESS:

A new bulletin board has been ordered for the youth activities. Darrell and Janice Buhmann are giving this in memory of their daughter Roxane Engel.

It was decided that we send a plant for the funeral of Eleanor Lubitz. Eleanor was a charter member of Trinity and always proud of her membership. Trinity will be hosting a tailgating party before the football game on October 12. Volunteer to help! Reformation Sunday, First Communion and 2nd grade Bible presentation will be on October 28.

Cathy Sorenson  
secretary



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Trinity this month is:**

**\$5.00**

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Theme	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Oct. 7-Polka Service	XXXX	XX	XXXX	XXXX
Oct. 14-Are We Building as One	Eph., 4:25—5:2, 5:15-20		Joshua 24:1-15	
Oct. 21-Are We Building Up?	Eph., 6:10-20	51:1-9	Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27, 12:1-9	
Oct. 28-Solomon's Wisdom	1 Kings 3:4-28			Matt. 6:9-10

## OCTOBER LAY MINISTRY

### TRINITY

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**WORSHIP TIME: 8:45 AM**

**CHURCH SCHOOL: Will begin Sept. 12th and now will be on Wednesdays after school until 5:30**

#### COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

October 14 & 28

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

10/14-Yvonne Noorlun

10/28-Cathy Sorenson

#### LAY READERS:

10/7 Polka Service

10/14-Brenda Hansen

10/21-Tammy Wokasch

10/28-Dave Sorenson

#### OCTOBER USHERS:

\* Lowell Noorlun, Doug Schwanz, Mike Taylor & David Sorenson

### October 28

Rite of  
1st Communion

2nd Grade Bible  
Presentation

## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY



### LAWN-MOWING TEAM

### OCTOBER LAWN CARE TEAM

9/30—10/6— Clayton Duncanson

10/7—10/13-Dallas Wegner & Tom Kneeland

10/14—10/20-Gary Meyer & Dustin Splinter

10/28—11/3-Duane Heckman



## WELCA NEWS

We are going out of the coffee business because of low demand.. The remaining inventory of coffee and hot chocolate are being sold at reduced prices so be sure to check it out.

Division A will be in charge of the brunch for Polka Sunday. They will be furnishing muffins, coffee cake, or rolls. Fruit and egg bakes are being furnished by volunteers.

Needed for our card recycling project:

Sympathy cards

Needed for our quilting project:

Sheets, blankets, and fabric. Please, no more comforters or blue jeans.

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If it also teaches them to be kinder and more forgiving to others, isn't that a lesson we'd love to pass on? What memorable stories did others tell you? Can you share them, even when those original story tellers are no longer in our midst?

What stories do you wish you had heard again? Whom might you ask to tell those stories?

If you are feeling that your stories aren't that riveting, how about reading the stories in books? The Bible is full of stories that are also our stories. Can you tell those stories or read them to another generation? Children's Bibles count. Help children find themselves in God's story and God in their stories. This is the way that for thousands of years people of faith have passed on the faith.

Please consider how you can share your story with young people in your lives. Our faith stories and experiences are important to for us to share and our children and youth are hungry for real connection. Please consider joining us on Wednesdays.

*Pastor Krista*

### **FALL GATHERING OF Watonwan River Conference**

Zion Lutheran Church  
Odin, Mn.

**Coffee served by:**  
St. Olaf Lutheran  
Rural Odin

**Date:**  
Saturday, October 6th

**Time:**  
Registration 8:30  
Program 9:00

**Cost:**  
Lunch \$7.00

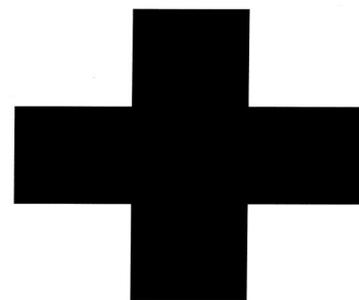
**Program by:**  
Missy Berg Heilman  
Bio Girl

1/2 Synod

1/2 Program

*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.  
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### **Blood Drive Truman High School**

Elementary Activity Room  
401 E 1st St So  
Truman, MN 56088

**Monday, October 8, 2018  
12:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

To make your appointment call: (507) 776-2111



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship Schedule</p> <p><b>Worship</b> <b>8:45 AM</b></p> <p><b>Church School</b> On Wednesday's after School until 5:30 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1:30 Martha Circle at Barb M.</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church school begins after school until 5:30</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am Open Bible study at the church</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>Pastor gone ← at cont. ed →</p>						
<p>7</p> <p> <b>POLKA SERVICE</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b></p> <p>12:15-3:00 Conf. U at (M)</p>	<p>8</p> <p> Columbus Day</p> <p> Blood Drive at the Truman HS 12:30-4:30 pm</p> <p>Pastor's Fall</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Theological Conference</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church school begins after school until 5:30</p> <p>7:30 Church Council mtg.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p> <b>Tailgate Party</b></p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 <u>Communion</u></p>	<p>15</p> <p></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church school begins after school until 5:30</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pat Jones</p> <p> <b>Messenger DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p>scrapbooking</p>
<p>21</p> <p> <b>All Glory to God</b></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church school begins after school until 5:30</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 <u>Communion</u> <b>Reformation Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Rite of 1st Communion</b></p> <p><b>Bible Presentation</b></p>	<p>29</p> <p>9 am Messenger assembly</p> <p></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p> #Halloween</p> <p>Church school begins after school until 5:30</p> <p>Bingo at HSL</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 &amp; 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> 9:00-1:00 pm <b>Friday:</b> 9:00-1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>COMING IN NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>11/4-all Saints Sunday 11/11-Thank- Offering 11/21-Thanks- giving Eve in Madelia</p>

# NEWS

## From Our Parish



Our deepest sympathy to Doyle Peterson and family at the death of his sister, Eleanor Lubitz, who passed away on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in St. Joseph, MN.

The funeral was held at the Resurrection church on Friday, September 14th. Eleanor was Trinity's oldest charter member. She was 99 years old. Geri Peterson was Eleanor's sister-in-law.



Come early to the Jaguar Football game at the Truman High School on October 12th. Trinity is hosting a Tailgate Party with all the proceeds going back to the school.

**It's time to give Trinity a good cleaning. The sign-up sheets are on the table. Choose something to do when it works into your schedule. Trinity belongs to all of us—Young and old—so please help.**



We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the home-bound: **Howard Culbertson and the families of Eleanor Lubitz....**

*Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

### GIFT



#### Growing in Faith Together

Our first week of Wednesday Night Church School was a success. We had over 25 kids participate along with 13 adults. We expected to have to make adjustments as the weeks go on and we

learn exactly how many we will be serving. It was evident very quickly that these kids were hungry when they showed up. **We are asking for your help by**

**way of food donations** so we can give them proper, healthy snacks after school. Some of the items on the list are as follows: Fruit Cups, Apples, Pudding Cups, Grapes, Popcorn, Bananas, Cereal, Sandwich Bread, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Milk, Fruit Snacks, Ice Cream, Granola Bars, Goldfish, Crackers

The Christian Ed Board greatly appreciates your support for this new program. We are excited about this opportunity to bring God's word to our youth and youth in our community.

**Please pray for Trinity member, Howard Culbertson**

KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS



His wife Cheryl, has set up a caring bridge site for you to follow up on his journey: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/howardculbertson](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/howardculbertson)



Anyone wishing to have a pastoral visit should contact the church office, Yvonne Noorlun or Pastor Krista



#### UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

**Fareway-\$135,205.52**

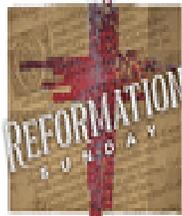
**Hy-Vee-\$62,142.46**

*Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count*

*\*\*Please don't cut off the receipts--the amounts are getting cut off and making them useless.*

# BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

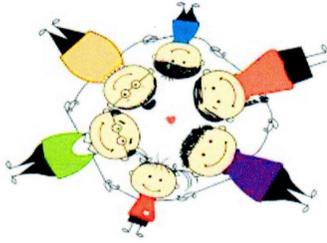


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	1 Dennis Rode Josh Worlds	2 Yvonne Noorlun	3 Marc Wiederhoeft  <b>Brad &amp; Deb Nickerson (26 years)</b>	4 Lindsey Maloney	5	6 <b>Howard &amp; LuElla Kautz (57 years)</b> 
7 	8 Luke Thompson	9 Madison Wiederhoeft  <b>Dennis &amp; Pam Rode (42 years)</b>	10 Larry Mohwinkel	11 David Zupfer	12	13
14 Heather Tonkin	15	16 LeAnn Maloney	17	18 	19	20
21 <b>David &amp; Susan Michalke (46 years)</b>	22 Tim Cook Kirsten Worlds Nicole Worlds	23	24 Beth Kotewa  <b>Doyle &amp; Arlene Peterson (59 years)</b>	25	26	27 <b>Dean &amp; Bev Gulbranson (66 years)</b> 
28 	29	30 Terry Peterson	31 Sydney Brudelic 			



# Church School

## GIFT



## Growing in Faith Together

You are invited to participate in a FREE After School Program

**When: Wednesdays after school until 5:30 pm**  
Participants can ride the bus to the church.

**Where: At Trinity Lutheran Church - Truman**

**What: A faith-based after school program that provides homework help, games, snack, stories, activities, and adult mentors.**

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

To sign up or for more details...  
Call the church office at 507-776-4781  
Or email Pastor Krista at [pkstrumom@me.com](mailto:pkstrumom@me.com)



**Trinity Lutheran Church of Truman, invites you to attend.....**

**POLKA WORSHIP  
SERVICE**



**Sunday, October 7th - 8:30 AM  
at Trinity Lutheran Church**



Once again Chuck Thiel & the Jolly Ramblers will entertain us with familiar sing-along hymns set to polka music tunes!  
(Free will offering)

**A brunch will be provided  
after the service**

***\*All are welcome to worship and enjoy fellowship with us!***



# THE MESSENGER

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change. Call or email the  
church office to be included!



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—Ray Bradbury

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**TRINITY WORSHIP-8:45 AM**  
**CHURCH SCHOOL- Wednesday's**  
*(After school until 5:30 pm. Sept—May)*

If you are searching for a church home or are currently a member, we want to extend a warm welcome to you. Trinity observes the “Open” communion policy— all those believing in Christ are welcome at our Lord’s Table.

*Communion is scheduled to take place the first two Sunday's of the month, check the calendar inside for any changes.*

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-8:00-11:00 am  
Wed.—8-11 am & 1-4 pm  
Friday-8:00-11:00 am

### PASTOR KRISTA'S OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday—9:00-1:00 pm**  
**Friday—9:00—1:00 pm**

~Please call Pastor on her cell if you need to contact her any other time of the week. If she doesn't answer, leave a message and she will call you right back~