



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



**Dear Trinity Families,**

**By now you have received the news that I have been called to Hosanna Lutheran Church in Rochester to be their Senior Pastor. I am looking forward to that opportunity to continue to grow in my calling as pastor but my heart is saddened because of the goodbyes that need to be said. Pastor Stephen Rasmussen has shared some words of wisdom on saying goodbye to your pastor. Instead of recreating them I will share his words with you...**

*On Saying Goodbye to Your Pastor*

*By Pastor Stephen Rasmussen*

*Farewell. 'Til we meet again. Later. Go with God. Saying goodbye is a spiritual practice. And like many spiritual practices, it does not pretend to be easy. Even though life is full of goodbyes, it does not mean that it is easier with practice. Even when we are surrounded by the powerful Easter promises of resurrection and new life, parting always feels like a moment eternally trapped in Holy Saturday, when Hope lies in the tomb and resurrection is not yet. It is a time of confusion for some, anger for others, hope for others, and intense grief for others still. It doesn't help that we Minnesotans are noted for the "long" goodbye.*

*When a pastor leaves, the process of saying goodbye is even more difficult. The years of spiritual di-*

*rection, the bedside visits, the moments of celebration and sorrow, of hurt and rejoicing that have shaped each of our experiences together betray the best and worst of human nature. Your pastor has had the privilege of presenting the person of Jesus in word and deed. And your pastor has shown you the deep brokenness of humans who dare to stand in the presence of God.*

*1. REJOICE: Recall the many times that you have been touched by a new insight into the grace and love of God that have been shown in the teaching and life of your pastor. Don't be afraid to say thank you in person or in a note to your leaving pastor. These moments will carry the spirit of your pastor into deeper service in Christ's name. Our church is a worldwide church, and your former pastor will bring a part of you into the new call. Rejoice that others will be blessed with the unique gift of grace proclaimed through her or his preaching and ministry.*

*2. RECONCILE: Hopefully your pastor has taught you how to repent, and to accept apologies. Reconciliation is at the center of all human relationships before Christ. We forgive as we have been forgiven. If there is any sorrow for brokenness in the relationship, now is the time to set it right through forgiveness and repentance.*

*3. RESPECT: Your pastor has had the privilege of serving for a period of time as the person who holds the official office of pastor for you and your friends and family. It is helpful to respect the person of your pastor by respecting the office that he or she has held.*

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## TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Heather Tonkin  
Vice President: Yvonne Noorlun  
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening  
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner  
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk  
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille  
Worship: Jan Ringeisen  
Youth: Teresa Zaharia  
Pastor Krista

### Trinity Lutheran Wed. September 9, 2020 Council Meeting -7:30 pm

**Members present:** Pastor Krista Strum, Rhonda Bonk, Kathy Wilkening, Heather Tonkin, Yvonne Noorlun, Clayton Duncanson, Dallas Wegner, Jan Ringeisen, Teresa Zaharia, Laurie Wille, Duane Heckman

Pastor Krista gave Devotions:

**Secretary Report:** Clayton motioned to accept with corrections and Duane second.

**Treasure:** Checking account has \$10,886 and savings of \$23,173. The income and the expenses have a deficit of \$2,024 for last month. It was decided that we take the money from Lent, Christmas, and Thanksgiving and donate the money somewhere.

**Stewardship:** Because of Covid-19, Pony Express envelopes will be hand delivered by the bearer and collected by

the bearer. Not transferred from one person to another instead back to the bearer. The money pledge will be for the General Fund.

**Lay Ministry:** None

**Church Properties:** Tim Bartels painted the west side windows for \$440 which is under the bid quote. Motion carried to pay Tim Bartels for his services. Montana Tree Service bid trimming of the trees for the 6 trees for \$748.13 in the front and north side. The tree service said that the trees are splitting and will have to be taken down in the future. Motioned carried to have trees trimmed. Dallas said the front of church has been improved with rocks, painting, and cleaned.

**Christian Education:** Gift bags for congregation kids will be made and given to them. GIFT kids will also receive a gift bag as well as a mailing.

**Youth:** None

**Worship:** Not much going on. Funeral banners have been put up.

**Pastor:** Madelia has started inside worship. They had 35 in attendance. Spacing of 2 pews between seats and no singing. Confirmation starts next Sunday in Truman.

**OLD BUSINESS:** WECLA met and Kathy mentioned that stamps were needed. WELCA gave 2 rolls of stamps for mailings.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Circle of Faith is in transition.

New refrigerator has been installed and old one taken away.

It was decided to give Logan Andersons family gift card or cards for \$250 taken from Lent, Christmas, or Thanksgiving fund with prayers from Trinity.

Rhonda motioned to adjourned at 8:25 and Jan second.

Submitted by Secretary,  
 Kathy Wilkening

### Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Summary Report August 31, 2020

Checking Account	\$10,886
Savings Account	\$23,173
Payroll Taxes Payable	\$65
Profinium Loan	\$16,000

August: Income	\$7,000
Expenses	\$9,289
Money short	(\$2,024)

September: Cash available	\$10,886
Bills to pay	\$7,380
Cash carry over	\$3,506

Savings Account:	
Building Funds	\$8,308
Building Funds Interest	\$69
Roof Fund	(\$6,509)
Lent	1,472
Christmas	1,463
Thanksgiving	213
Sunday School	484
Camp Scholarships	1,133
GIFT	875
Missions/Ministry	1,975
General Fund	\$13,688
Total	\$23,173

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ Calendar yr	THEME	BIBICAL TEXT	GOSPEL
<b>Oct. 4- (Pent 18)</b>	<i>The parable of the vineyard owner's son</i>	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matt. 21:33-46
<b>Oct. 11-(Pent 19)</b>	<i>The parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast</i>	Philippians 4:1-9	Matt. 22:1-14
<b>Oct. 18 (Pent 20)</b>	<i>A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God</i>	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matt. 22:15-22
<b>Oct. 25 Reformation and Confirmation</b>	<i>Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth</i>	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

## OCTOBER LAY MINISTRY

### TRINITY

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM**  
(Rain dates-Wednesday's at 7:00 pm)

#### COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

October 4 & 25

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

10/4-Jan Ringo  
10/25-Donna Clewa

#### LAY READERS:

10/4-Brenda Hansen  
10/11-Clayton Duncanson  
10/18-LeAnn Maloney  
10/25-Keegan H/Johnnie Z.

#### OCTOBER USHERS:

\*Dennis Rode, Dan Klassen, and Ron Kelley

**GIFT SCHOOL IS  
SUSPENDED...**

*Check back for other  
learning  
opportunities*

#### REMINDER!

**We will still have  
FB Online Worship  
at 8:45 AM**

**DRIVE-UP  
Worship will be  
here Sunday's at  
10:30 am in the  
north parking lot**

**Rain days will be  
Wednesday's at  
7 pm**

*~The Drive-Up  
worship will be a  
casual service while  
in your vehicle~*

*~There will be  
Social distancing  
guidelines~*

*2020 was  
installed with  
a virus; come  
reboot!*

## Dive-Up Worship will continue through October

(**Confirmation** is set to be held on Oct. 25th outdoors at the 10:30 Drive-Up service—In the event of in-climate weather, the service will be held indoors with only the **confirmands, family, mentors and sponsors allowed inside the church building** with wearing of masks and social distancing rules in place)  
~We will record the service for viewing on our social media sites~

## Trinity Lawn Care for October



**Oct 4-10 –Dallas W. & Tom Kneeland**  
**Oct. 11-17—Gary Meyer**  
**Oct. 18-24—Dennis & Pam Rode**  
**Oct 25-31—Clayton Duncanson**

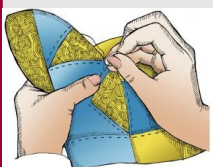




## WELCA NEWS

WELCA has purchased a new refrigerator for the kitchen. The old one no longer cooled. This one is larger but still fits in the same space.

The quilts we made earlier in the year will be divided between CADA and Social Services in



QUILTERS

Fairmont. The ones for CADA will be taken to Mankato, where they distribute them to other CADA houses

The Green Lake Bible camp had to do their annual quilt auction virtually this year. We did send our usual donation of \$100 to help support the auction.

We are planning to have our Thankoffering service in November. There will be more details in the November newsletter.

~Because of the pandemic we have not decided if there will be a cookie walk in December.~

*(Pastor's letter continued from page 1)*

*When your pastor takes leave, the office stays. This means that, though you will continue to pray for and love the person who is leaving, you do not call on your former pastor to visit you when you are ill, have a crisis, need a funeral or a wedding performed, or the like. The new pastor, the person God will call to fill the "Office of the Pastor" will bring the word of grace into those situations for you.*

*4. REMEMBER: God is good – all the time. As you reflect in future months and years on the work of God in your faith community when your leaving pastor was among you, do so with an eye to the future. God will have new ventures ahead, new visions of service and deepening of faith, new opportunities that will come with your new pastoral leadership. Look for the hand of God at work in your faith community's past, so that you can more easily see the Spirit in your future.*

*And finally, don't forget the words at the center of the Lutheran Reformation tradition – Soli Deo Gloria – To God only is the praise. Praise God from whom all blessings flow – now and forever.*

**I give thanks to God for my time here and you all have a special place in my and my families hearts.**

**In the love of Christ.**

*Pastor Krísta*



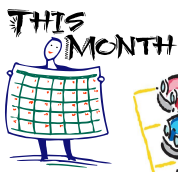
## UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

**Fareway-\$31,339.39**

**Hy-Vee-\$17,368.71**

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

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



November 2020						
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					

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p><b>Sunday Worship</b> rain-out days will be the following Wednesday at 7 pm</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 &amp; 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	<p>Pastor Krista's Office Hours <b>Tuesday:</b> 9:00-1:00 pm <b>Friday:</b> 9:00-1:00 pm</p>	<p>Pastor APPRECIATION Month</p>	<p>1 Open Bible Study is CANCELLED</p>	<p>2 </p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 <u>Communion</u> FB online at 8:45 AM Drive-Up Worship Time at 10:30 AM</p>	<p>5 Martha Circle is CANCELLED</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 God is Awesome!</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 FB online at 8:45 AM Drive-Up Worship Time at 10:30 Confirmation mtg-Zoom from 1-3 pm</p>	<p>12 <u>Columbus Day</u> Indigenous Peoples' Day</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7:30 Church Council mtg.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Newsletter DEADLINE!</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 FB online at 8:45 AM Drive-Up Worship Time at 10:30 AM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 </p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 <u>Communion</u> <u>Reformation Sunday</u> Confirmation</p>	<p>26 </p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 <u>Halloween</u> </p>

# NEWS

From Our Parish



## Confirmation

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE  
TO BE HELD ON  
OCTOBER 25TH  
AT THE 10:30 AM  
DRIVE-UP SERVICE**

*In the event of in-climate weather; we will plan the service indoors with only family, sponsors and mentors attending with wearing of face masks and social distancing rules in place.*



Those affirming their faith in the church include:

**Carson Hastad, Carter Brudellie, Jonah Carlson, Jordan Carlson, Ashlyn Cook, Keegan Hastad and Mason Kelley.**

*The Confirmation class had to postpone their Confirmation Service due to the pandemic, which was to be held on May 5, 2020 at Trinity Lutheran.*



## Prayers

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

**Ardene Miller, Logan Anderson & family.** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*



We want to thank all of our church family for the overwhelming support you have given us at the death of our husband, father, and grandfather, Danny. A special thank you to all who stopped by and brought food and those who served at the lunch after the funeral. A special thanks to Pastor Krista for preaching such a personal funeral. Thanks again to all, we will not forget how wonderful it is to be members in this church.

Marianne, Brittany Lang, Jesse Lang,  
Travis Lang & family and  
Tracy Hoffman & Family



Our Stewardship campaign will be Starting soon!

## What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is not just raising funds;  
It's raising Christians.

Stewardship is not a matter of budgets;  
It's a matter of faith




September 18, 2020 by SW MN Synod

One of the powerful ways this truth has been lived out in the COVID-19 crisis is: ***“generosity.”*** As unemployment soared and demands on food pantries increased, generous donors across the ELCA contributed \$1.6 million to the ELCA COVID-19 Response Fund. This generosity has come to our synod as a **grant for \$7,500.00** that was shared through an application process with the following ministries:

- **Green Lake Lutheran Ministries** – \$1,000.00
- **Lake Shetek Ministries** – \$1,000.00
- **Shalom Hill Farm Retreat Center** – \$500.00
- **First Lutheran Church, Cosmos** – \$250.00 – Stocking a Little Free Food Pantry
- **Peace Lutheran Church, Cold Spring** – \$500 – Providing gift cards, food, cleaning supplies, and medicine supplies for a local food shelf
- **Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud** – \$500.00 – Purchasing supplies for 408 snack bags, meals to help feed people, helping to provide motel housing for people who are homeless and vulnerable for COVID
- **First Lutheran Church, Worthington** – \$500.00 – Purchasing food for food boxes delivered to quarantined families and to school lunch sites
- **House of Grace, Montrose** – \$750.00 – Supporting the distribution of rescue-food and produce, face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer
- **Faith Lutheran Church, Becker** – \$1,000.00 – Supplying 24 baby kits, 24 food kits distributed over 2 days in front of the church and providing assistance for snacks for children at school
- **First Lutheran Church, St. James** – \$1,500.00 – Purchasing gift cards and food that will support families on the margins and immigrant-owned Latinx grocery businesses


**\$1.6 million**

RAISED SINCE APRIL



THREE ROUNDS OF GRANTS  
DISTRIBUTED TO


**61 synods**




## COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

**132K+**

PEOPLE SERVED



DONATE & MORE INFORMATION:



[ELCA.ORG/COVIDRESPONSE](https://elca.org/covidresponse)

**There is a scam email going around using Pastor's email accounts...**

A green starburst graphic with the words "SCAM ALERT!" in bold, yellow, 3D-style capital letters.

**Pastor Krista will never send emails asking for gift cards, money transfers, etc.**

# BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

# OCTOBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>Two Become One</i>	Congrats! to Lindsey Maloney who married Josh Hoppe on September 5th, 2020 at a resort up in northern Minnesota. Her parents are Wayne & Becky Maloney		Remember your OFFERINGS 	1 Dennis Rode Josh Worlds	2 Yvonne Noorlun	3 Marc Wiederhoeft <b>Brad &amp; Deb Nickerson (28 years)</b>
4  Lindsey (Maloney) Hoppe	5	6 <b>Howard &amp; LuElla Kautz (59 years)</b>	7	8 Luke Thompson	9 Madison Wiederhoeft <b>Dennis &amp; Pam Rode (44 years)</b>	10 Larry Mohwinkel
11 David Zupfer	12	13 Abby Hinton	14 Heather Tonkin	15 	16 LeAnn Maloney	17 
18  "FOR MANY ARE CALLED, <b>BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN.</b> <i>Matthew 22:14</i>	19	20	21 <b>David &amp; Susan Michalke (48 years)</b>	22 Tim Cook Kirsten Worlds Nicole Worlds	23	24 Beth Kotewa <b>Doyle &amp; Arlene Peterson (61 years)</b> 
25	26	27 <b>Dean &amp; Bev Gulbranson (68 years)</b> 	28	29	30 Terry Pettersen	31 Sydney Brudelie 



## SEED impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



### What you need:

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.



## A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

*Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.*

**WORD BANK:** sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water . . . . .
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant . . . . .
3. To plant . . . . .
4. Sharp part of a plant . . . . .
5. What is harvested . . . . .
6. To dry up and shrivel . . . . .
7. Person who plants . . . . .
8. The earth a plant grows in . . . . .

"But the \_\_\_\_\_<sub>2</sub> falling on good \_\_\_\_\_<sub>8</sub> refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a \_\_\_\_\_<sub>5</sub>, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was \_\_\_\_\_<sub>3</sub> n."

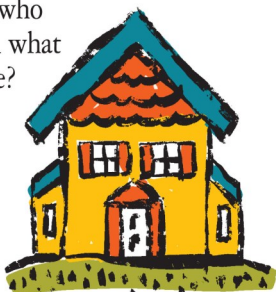
MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow

## ? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

In Jesus' parable about people who hear and live by God's words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks

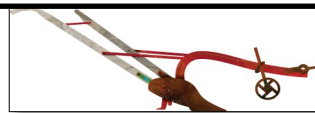


Answer: A (See Matthew 7:24-27.)

### +Christian Symbol+

#### Plow

This farming implement is mentioned frequently in the Bible, often in verses about the harvest. Plowing symbolizes preparing the heart to receive God's truth, or the "seed" of God's word. The plow also represents commitment; Jesus says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62, NIV). The prophet Elisha burns his plow to show his commitment to answer God's call (see 1 Kings 19:21).





# THE MESSENGER

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**OCTOBER 2020**

*God's Blessings to:*

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you're doing the impossible."*

—Unknown

 **OCTOBER**  
2020

**Welcome**  
*Worship with us*

 **Drive Up  
Worship**  
**Sunday's  
at 10:30 am**  
Trinity's north  
parking lot

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-8:00-11:00 am  
Wednesday- 8-11 & 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~