

# THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear Trinity Family & Friends,

Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes

and infants you have founded

a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

There have been some incredible sunsets in the last few weeks. At the end of the month there will be a full moon. Recently, as per its' cycle, the moon has been playing hide and seek as there have been clear, partly cloudy and cloudy evenings and nights. Last month was a celebrated full moon, which at times during its' cycle was covered with a thin layer of cloud and mist, mysterious, evasive- yet you knew it was there. The hope and promise of its' appearance was ever present. I had faith even as it was cloaked in mystery that it would be there again- soon and very soon- and I wasn't disappointed.

There are times when certain things in our lives (physical, spiritual, emotional, material) I seem clear, then misty, then partly cloudy, then encased in clouds or fog- but with patience and waiting we begin to see more clearly and with patience and hope we move forward knowing that indeed God abides with us and has, in fact, never left us. We are blessed as God's people to have the scriptures, scriptural inspired hymns, poems, and stories that guide us through those times when it is cloudy or partly cloudy; until once again we see clearly that mystery we hold on to: God revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

As a congregation, a gathering of people and individuals, that is what we are about. We are "about" Jesus Christ--the Alpha and the Omega. Jesus Christ who freely gives of himself in love, mercy, grace and forgiveness. This is something that NEVER changes.

Other things do change. As a congregation you have witnessed changes in your congregation over the past couple of years. Some bring sorrow and sadness (death, funerals, departures), some bring joy and celebration (baptisms, weddings, fellowship, seeing and hearing young children/youth). Some familiar faces are gone, new faces of visitors and the newly baptized appear. Some activities have disappeared; others have emerged. That is the cycle of life within the church.

Like any cycle there has been despair or joy, as a congregation you do not allow feelings to define who and whose we are. You are a resilient people of God- we are called to the task of mission and ministry. You have witnessed within this congregation the teamwork of worship, children's ministry, quilt ministry, hospitality ministry, beautiful property that is welcoming and user-friendly. You have served everything from salads to waffles, you have open doors so other organizations can serve this community.

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# COUNCIL MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Dan Klassen  
Vice President: Josh Tonkin  
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening  
Financial Admin: Brenda Hansen  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee  
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee  
Lay Ministry: Judy Doble  
Worship: Cathy Sorenson  
Youth: Caitlyn Carlson



**Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Council Meeting 7:00  
 Wed- September 13, 2023**

**Members Present:** Kathy Wilkening Dan Klassen Cathy Sorenson Margaret Durkee Mark Durkee Judy Doble Caitlyn Carlson Nikki Smith Ashley Parrish Pastor Carol

Devotions by Pastor Carol  
 Secretary Report- accepted as read.

Treasures Report- motioned second to accept as read.

Stewardship-Margaret Durkee none

Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Judy Doble- Needs new addresses.

Church Properties- Mark Durkee - Mowing, spraying and trimming continues. Bats and mice are still a

problem. Dan Klassen fixed the garbage disposal in the kitchen.

Christian Education-Nikki Smith and Ashley Parrish - Day Camp had 6 youth plus 2 older youth with theme of Creatures Big and Small. VBS had 18 children and the theme was God's Creation and Peace Like a River. The youth led the worship service for WOW on Wednesday night. Also send registration for GIFT to Granada school. First GIFT will be Sept 20. Youth Family softball game went well with 8 youth and 6 adults.

Worship- Cathy Sorenson October 1 will have 2 baptisms. It seems the bulletins are confusing. Pastor Carol will work with Brenda for a solution. Cathy motioned that the new tables are not to be loaned out and Judy second.

Pastor Report: Pastor Carol - v visited Heartland, Lakeview Methodist, and Goldfinch with Holy Communion. Pre-marital sessions, 4 baptisms and a wedding. Preparing for adult bible study. October 1 Karen Koeder will speak on Crest. Pastor Carol requested a new light for the church pulpit.

## OLD BUSINESS:

The Pictorial Directory had 68 signups with 11 canceling. Total of 51 photos with 29 submitted photos. Mark motioned to send a check for \$435 to the photographer and Caitlyn second.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Sunday September 17, afternoon the new sound system will begin to be installed. It will take several days. September 24 is God's Work Our hands.

Submitted by Secretary  
 Kathy Wilkening



## Treasurer's Summary Report

**As of August 31, 2023**

Checking Account Bal.	\$65,781
Savings Account Bal.	\$54,110

### AUGUST

General Fund Income	\$ 8196
General Fund Expenses	\$ 7652
Net long	\$ 544

### SEPTEMBER:

Cash Available	\$ 65,781
Bills to pay	\$ 12,939
Cash long	\$ 52,842



# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
October 1-Pentecost 18	Ezek 33:7-11	Phil 2:1-13	Matt 21:23-32
October 8-Pentecost 19	Isa 5:1-7	Phil 3:4b-14	Matt 21:33-46
October 15-Pentecost 20	Isa 25:1-9	Phil 4:1-9	Matt 22:1-14
October 22-Pentecost 21	Isa 45:1-7	1 Thess 1:1-10	Matt 22:15-22
October 29-Reformation	Jer 31:31-34	Rom 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



Maverick Mitchell Scheff was baptized on September 3rd, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran. His parents are Mitchell & Carlee Scheff. Maverick's sponsors are Chris & Sarah Forbrook



Felix Xavier Forbrook was baptized on September 10th, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran. His parents are Cameron & Alicia Forbrook. Felix's sponsors are Alexandra Zachman, Dylan Anderson and Collyn Vogel.

Isabelle Vienna-Lee Foster (middle left) and Charlotte Rayne Foster (middle right) were baptized on September 10th, 2023. Their parents are Brandon Foster and Alicia Forbrook. Isabelle's sponsors are Mitchell & Carlee Scheff and Charlotte's sponsors are Madeline Schultz, and Chris & Sarah Forbrook.

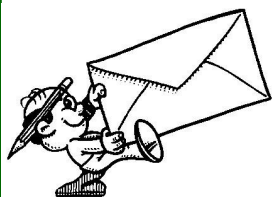




# WELCA News

Our monthly Bible study will again be the first week of the month but instead of meeting on Thursday's we are going to meet at 9:45 am on the first Tuesday of each month. It will be after Tuesday morning coffee. All are welcome. We use the study from the Gather Magazine. If you do not have a subscription to the magazine, we provide you with copies of the study.

Thank you to all who have contributed items for our school kits. The deadline was October 1st but we are extending the deadline for one more week!



We are in need of some more volunteers to take part in our prayer partners project. In this project, you are given the name of a child from our church. We start with three year olds and go through seniors in high school. The volunteer prays for this child and sends greeting cards for holidays to remind the child he is being thought of and prayed for. We try to keep your name a secret and reveal it when the child graduates. Please consider doing this. We feel it is a worthwhile activity. Let Barb Shoen, Cathy Sorenson or Connie Selnes know if you wish to participate in this work.



**A BIG THANK YOU TO CATHY SORENSON** for organizing, implementing and completing the HUGE task of the

new Trinity Pictorial Directory. This is a task that took many hours, phone calls, sign-up sheets, and visits. *(Well done good and faithful servant)*



## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Sundays 9:00-9:45 a.m.

Around the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>:** We welcome Karen Koeder, from CREST. Karen will be our guest at 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. for an informative talk and taking questions from those interested in hearing more about CREST. Karen will also present a brief Temple Talk in worship.

**October 15<sup>th</sup>:** “People of Purpose: God the Creator” More to come: Jairus, Lida, Matthew, Thomas, Mary Magdalene.....

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>:** The young people will be leading worship on that day, as Pastor Carol will take this Sunday off as “a fifth” Sunday. Pastor wishes to be leading worship on October 29<sup>th</sup> as it is a festival Sunday (REFORMATION!)

**REFORMATION SUNDAY:** The congregation will celebrate several young persons “First Communion”. Thank you to the adults who taught this course and parents who brought their kids!

## UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



**Fareway-\$;82,457.97**

**Hy-Vee-\$23,707.64**

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

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



## LAWN CARE TEAM FOR OCT.

10/1-10/7—Tom Kneeland

10/8-10/14—Gary Meyer

10/15-10/21—Dennis & Pam R

10/22-10/28—Clayton D



## November 2023

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

1 <u>Communion</u> Adult Bible stdy-9:15-9:45 Temple Talk Karen Koeder 	2 <b><u>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u></b> <b>Worship Service at 10:00 am</b>	3 Open Bible Study at 9:45 am	4 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30	5 	6	7
8	9 <u>Columbus Day</u> 	10	11 Confirmation 2:15-3:15 1st Comm Class 6-8 pm Council mtg. at 7 pm	12	13	14
15 <u>Communion</u> Adult Bible Study 9:15-9:45	16	17	18 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30	19	20 	21
22 Youth leads Worship	23	24	25 Confirmation class 2:15-3:15 1st Comm class 6-8 pm	26	27	28
29 Reformation 	30	31 <b><u>PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS</u></b> Mon. 10-12 Wed. 10-12 and by appointment	<b><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></b> Mon-8-11 am Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	<b><u>October Lay Readers</u></b> 1-Donna K 8-Brenda H 15-LeAnn M 22-Keegan H 29-Allison K	<b><u>Oct Comm Servers</u></b> 1-Judy D 15-Jan R 29-Cathy S	

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



To the Joyce Ysker family at the death of her nephew, Mark Williamson from

Minneapolis. His funeral was held at Westminster Presbyterian in MPLS.



Photo from the Truman Tribune

Congratulations to Trinity students Carter Brudellie and Ashlyn Cook who were crowned King & Queen of Truman High School's Homecoming



**Needed are:** canned meats (i.e. stew, sloppy joe mix, Manwich, Spam, tuna, etc), easy mac, ramen,

feminine products, canned fruit, noodles/spaghetti sauce, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter, jelly, mashed potatoes, 5# bag sugar, juice, toothpaste, tomato soup, Crackers (soda & graham), SpaghettiOs, granola bars, popcorn, cereal, and school supplies.

*Sorry! They can't distribute open packages of food or rusty cans. Also, unusual soups and specialty foods are more difficult to distribute as are large cans. Family size or smaller cans are preferred..*

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

You provide a children's ministry (G.I.F.T.) that "looks different" than the "Sunday School" many grew up with. This is the "Church" growing in a different way.

What you have is a gift. It is not of your own making, this we really need to remember: "it" is NOT about us...it is about listening to God and where God is calling us to serve. Like the moon, and it's creative dance through life and seasons, God's message can be clear as a bell, and at times one struggles with "partly cloudy" paths that are hard to discern. BUT be mindful and grateful that we are sent people. We are sent to places of work, recreation, volunteerism and home to be revealers through Word and deed: God abides with us as we go about GOD'S WORK-(with) OUR HANDS.

Yours In Christ, as we move forward in the life of this faith community and the world around us.

*Pastor Carol*



Former member of Trinity, the late Debby Shanks will have a Celebration of Life event on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 12 pm—4 pm at the Edgewater Park Large Pavilion in Albert Lea, MN. Light refreshments will be provided. Debby passed away in August from breast cancer.



*Prayers*




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

**Larry Miller, Jerry Teig, Linnea Huss, Norm & Marilyn Anderson, Pastor Penny Ritter, Ramona (Darrell B's daughter, Art Stough, Lois Lloyd's daughter Amy, Marlene Brietbarth, and the Joyce Ysker family and the Debbie Shanks family.**

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



# October Birthday's & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Dennis Rode Joshua Worlds	2 Yvonne Noorlun	3 <b>Brad &amp; Deb Nickerson (31 years)</b>	4 Lindsey Hoppe	5	6	7
8	9 <b>Dennis &amp; Pam Rode (47 years)</b>	10 Aubrey Brudelig Larry Mohwinkel	11 David Zupfer	12	13 Abby Hinton	14 Heather Tonkin
15	16 LeAnn Maloney Kasey Moon	17	18 	19	20	21 <b>David &amp; Sue Michalke (51 years)</b>
22 Tim Cook Kirsten Worlds Nicole Worlds	23 Isabelle Foster <b>Pastor Carol Mapa</b>	24 Elizabeth Kotewa	25	26	27 JoDee Lewis	28
29 	30 Terry Pettersen	31 Sydney Brudelig				





# Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

— — — — —

I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

— — — — —

Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

— — — — —

My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

— — — — —

I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

— — — — —

Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

— — — — —

I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

— — — — —

My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

— — — — —

PROPHETS ARE — — — — —

## Youth Director October Newsletter

I hope everyone is having a great September! We have been busy with school and fall sports in our house. We have also been enjoying the nice fall weather and spending time outdoors. One of our favorite things to do is take our dachshund Lily for a walk by the park. On our most recent walk, I couldn't help but notice how pretty the changing leaves were and how bright the sky was. In that moment I felt very grateful not only for the moment with my family, but also for the chance to stop and find the beauty around me. I know that we all get very busy, but I hope that we can take the time to stop and look around us and find the good.

The first GIFT was on September 20<sup>th</sup>. GIFT will be the first and third Wednesdays of every month unless there is no school. In October GIFT will be October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**GIFT**



**Growing in Faith Together**

On October 4<sup>th</sup> the kids at GIFT will be putting together breakfast bags for the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. We will be putting the bags together from 4pm-5pm. Members of the Congregation are invited to help.

First Communion Classes will be October 11th and October 25<sup>th</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders from 6pm-8pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Jan Ringeisen and I will be teaching the classes.

Youth-led Church service is on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

First Communion Sunday is on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Family Friendly Halloween Party 5-7pm at Trinity Lutheran Church on October 31st. There will be Halloween themed snacks, games, and crafts! All ages are welcome!

### EVENTS:

**October 4<sup>th</sup> GIFT Program 2:15pm-5:30pm**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> First Communion Class 6pm-8pm**

**October 18<sup>th</sup> GIFT Program 2:15-5:30pm**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> Youth-led service**

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Messengers



# Gifts that make a difference

ELCA.org/goodgifts

## Send a girl to school

Educate a girl and open a world of opportunity for her future and the future of her family and community.

**\$40**

**School fees and uniform for a girl**

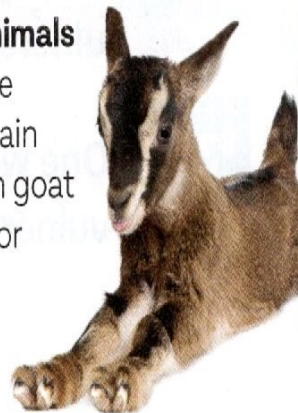
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## Goat

**Goats can go where other animals can't**, surviving in some of the world's most challenging terrain and unreliable climates. Fresh goat milk provides daily nutrition for children and their families.

**\$50**

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## Chicks

**Ten little chicks can make a big difference.**

Eggs from chickens not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals for a family, they can also launch a small business that provides a steady source of income.

**\$10**

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## Give in honor of a loved one. Send a free card.

Give online and create a FREE, personalized card\* to mail, email or print at home. **ELCA.org/goodgifts**.

\*Personalized cards are available for online orders only. Give by mail and you can request blank cards for each of your gifts. Please allow four weeks for delivery.





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October 2023

*Be strong and take  
heart, all you who  
hope in the Lord.  
Psalm 31:24, niv*

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