

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



MEET OUR NEW PASTOR!

Pastor Eunice Woodberry is our part-time minister beginning here at Trinity on October 1st.

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

I want to start by saying how excited I am to be doing ministry with all of you. After getting burnt out at my last call I didn't think I would heal enough to lead a congregation again but God is good and has plans for me. I have loved being with you on Sundays and am looking forward to getting to know you. You have been very warm and welcoming.

A bit about me - A graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College with a degree in secondary education, mathematics and computer programming. I also have a religion minor and almost an art minor. I was ordained 17 years ago after attending Luther Seminary in St Paul. I have served at 10 congregations including a 3 congregation group and a 5 congregation group. Part time at one church is looking good to me.

My husband has had a variety of jobs and is now retired. He spends a lot of time working on his art which includes abstract photography. We have 2 adult children who live with their life partners in Saint Paul. Our daughter works for Target and our son for Alarm.com.

I volunteer at the Jackson Center for the Arts and teach fiber arts classes - sewing, quilting, and crochet. My two favorite hobbies are reading and creating quilted wall hangings. I also write poetry and belong to a couple of online poetry groups.

I always come into a congregation with high expectations of there being members who want to grow in their faith and knowledge of the Bible and participate in the ministries of the congregation. I also feel that the strength of a congregation is their willingness to minister beyond the walls of their building.

Finally, I ask that you keep introducing yourself to me. Learning names has never been one of my strengths. And of course, keep me in your prayers as I do for you in mine.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Eunice



COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Josh Tonkin
Vice President: Dan Klassen
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee
Lay Ministry: Sylvia Balk
Worship: Cathy Sorenson
Youth: Ashley Parish



**Trinity Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting
 Wednesday September 10
 Called to Order 7:02**

Member Present: Kathy Wilkening Nikki Smith Ashley Parish Mark Durkee Margaret Durkee Yvonne Noorlun

Devotion Prayer - Ashley Parish

Secretary Report - Kathy Wilkening - Margaret motioned to accept as read and Mark second.

Treasure Report - Nikki Smith - Income was up \$63.19 over expenses. Mark motioned to accept as presented and Yvonne second.

Stewardship - Margaret Durkee - Gathering materials

to put in the Pony Express packets.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism
 none

Church properties - Mark Durkee - Spraying driveway for weeds and mowing. Brian and Brad will look at the light in the ladies bathroom.

Christian Ed/GIFT - Ashley Parish - On August 23rd the youth had camp-out with 13 youth attending. September 7th "God's work. Our Hands" Sunday the Youth led the Service at Truman Senior Living. The Youth painted magnets and ceramic flowers to give to the residents. September 17th will be our first GIFT with 42 registered so far. Family Friendly Halloween party is planned for October 31.

Worship - Yvonne Noorlun - The new microphone was \$374. Pastor Eunice will be having knee surgery and recovering September 14. Confirmation classes will begin on September 17 with 4 youth. September 21 is a Congregational meeting about Pastor Eunice employment. October 19 is 2nd and 3rd grade Bible Presentation.

Old Business: None

New Business: Brenda is working on pulpit supply for September 14. Holy Communion will be September 21 & 28.

Mark motioned to adjourn at 8:04 and Margaret second.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of August 31, 2025

Checking Account Bal.	\$41,031
Savings Account Bal.	\$55,987
AUGUST:	
General Fund Income	\$ 8,185
General Fund Expenses	\$ 11,236
Net short	\$ -3,051
SEPTEMBER:	
Cash Available	\$ 41,031
Bills to pay	\$ 5,854
Cash long	\$35,177

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS – OCTOBER

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
October 5-Pent 17	Hab 1:1-4;2:1-4	37:1-9	2 Tim 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
October 12-Pent 18 <i>Scripture may change</i>	2 Kings 5:1-3, & 7-15c	111	2 Tim 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
October 19-Pent 19	Gen 32:22-31	121	2 Tim 3:14—4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct. 26- Reformation	Jer 31:31-34	46	Rom 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



Youth Director Newsletter for October 2025

My favorite season is upon us! My daughters and I count down the days until we get to put out our fall decorations every year. There is just something special about the cooler temperatures, the changing leaves and the assortment of pumpkins. I try to plan a fun activity for us to do as a family. We usually make different crafts involving leaves or pumpkins. This year I want to make sure to take the time with my kids (and probably my dog Luna) to go for long walks and take in the beauty that surrounds us, enjoy the time together and of course be thankful for our many blessings!

I would like to thank the kids that helped with the service on September 7th, you did a great job!

We have GIFT October 1st and October 15th. GIFT will be the first and third Wednesday of every month, unless there is no school.

We will be having a Family Friendly Halloween party on October 31st, from 5pm-7pm! There will be candy, snacks, games and prizes. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Events:

October 1st GIFT 2:15pm-5:30pm

October 15th GIFT 2:15pm-5:30pm

October 31st 5pm-7pm Family Friendly Halloween Party at Trinity Lutheran Church

Ashley Parish- Youth Director



Family Friendly Halloween Party

at Trinity Lutheran Church
in Truman, MN

Time: 5pm-7pm on October 31st

Activities include: games, crafts,
trick or treating and snacks!

All are welcome!

LAWN CARE TEAM FOR OCTOBER

Sept 28-Oct 4-Dennis & Pam R
 Oct 5-11- Brian Nickerson
 Oct 12-18- Gary Meyer
 Oct 19-25-Mike Heckman
 Oct 26-31-Mark Durkee



November 2025

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<u>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u> Worship Service at 10:00 am Live streamed on our FB page	<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8-11		1 GIFT class 2:15-5:30 pm	2 3 4 <u>Acolytes for October</u> Oct 5- Gabby Greier Oct 12-Taelynn Moon & Gage Moon Oct 19-Jackson Hastad Oct 26-Liam Werner & Zach Schneider	5 6 7 8 9 10 11
5 Communion 	6 7 8 9 10 11	7 9:45 Open Bible Study 	8 Confirmation Class 4-5:15	9 10 11	12 13 14 15 16 17 18
12 13 14 15 16 17 18	13 Columbus Day 	14 15 16 17 18	15 GIFT class 2:15-5:30 pm	16 17 18	19 20 21 22 23 24 25
19 Communion 2nd-3rd Grade Bible Presentation Sunday	20 21 22 23 24 25	21 22 23 24 25	22 Confirmation Class 4-5:15	23 24 25	25 <u>Oct. Comm Servers</u> 5-Cathy S. 19-Sandy M 26-Margaret
26 Communion  Pastor Rebecca Sullivan preaches	27 28 29 30 31	28 29 30 31	29 Confirmation Class 4-5:15	30 <u>Oct Ushers</u> Dennis R & Dave Baarson	31 At Trinity  5-Margaret D 12-Brenda H 19-Carson H 26Sandy M



WELCA News

Don't forget about the basket on a table in the narthex where you can put donations for the personal care kits. Still needed are dark colored bath towels about 52 x 27, bath soap, sturdy combs, and metal nail clippers. We do not need any more tooth brushes. We added money to the list which will be used to buy missing items. The deadline is November 1.

The first part of October is when we update our list for the Adults Praying for the Students program.



Each adult is given the name of a child to pray for and also send birthday cards and cards for holidays. If you would like to start taking part in this program let either Barb Shoen or Cathy Sorenson know.



Thankoffering Sunday will be the second Sunday in November. We are asking for donations for the Truman School food shelf. Also a Sunday or two before that you will have an envelope in your mailbox at church for your thankoffering that goes to the national headquarters of the WELCA to benefit many less fortunate people.

Barb Shoen

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY



Ashley Parish and the Trinity Youth went to the Truman Nursing home and led the Worship Service there. The congregation was also invited to attend.



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$105,262.86

Hy-Vee-\$94,371.69

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Lois Lloyd has moved to be closer to her family. Her new address is:

7900 Timber Lake Dr. Apt 103
Eden Prairie MN 55347.

She would also like to thank everyone for all the prayers for her daughter Amy. ♥



The Truman School Food Pantry has a table to donate non-perishable items at the church

Items to donate are:

granola bars, macaroni & cheese, pasta, crackers, cereal, pasta sauce, juice, pizza kits, ramen, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, and lotion.

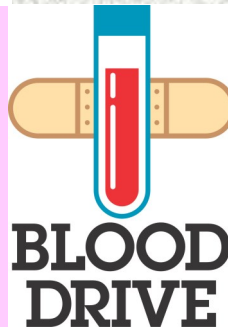
School supplies: folders, pens, Kleenex, markers, notebooks, pencils, hand sanitizer.



The Don & Gary Meyer families would like to thank everyone for the cards and memories in the passing of their brother, Del.

CREST ANNOUNCEMENT

Looking for something interesting to do? Consider becoming a volunteer with CREST! It's an awesome opportunity to meet seniors. CREST volunteers talk on the phone with care receivers, drive seniors to medical appointments & the grocery store, help with home helper services, and share time with friendly visiting. The need for your time continues to grow so please call the CREST office for more information on volunteer opportunities at 507-235-3833.



Blood Drive at the Truman High School in the Elementary Activity Room on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 from 11-4 pm. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: TRUMANHSMN to schedule an appointment.



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

Jerry Teig, Norman & Marilyn Anderson, Linnea Huss, Dan Strausser and Marlene Breitbarth and Ross & Jan Ringeisen's grandson-Crew.



OCTOBER

birthdays & anniversaries



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER. <small>Psalms 136:1, NIV</small></p>			1 Dennis Rode	2 Yvonne Noorlun	3 Brad & Deb Nickerson (33 years) 	4 Lindsey Hoppe
5 	6	7	8	9 Dennis & Pam Rode (49 years) 	10 Aubrey Brudellie Larry Mohwinkel	11 David Zupfer
12	13 Abby Hinton	14 Heather Tonkin	15	16 LeAnn Maloney Kasey Moon	17	18
19 	20	21 David & Sue Michalke (53 years) 	22 Tim Cook Nicole Worlds	23 Isabelle Foster	24	25
26	27 JoDee Lewis	28	29	30 Terry Pettersen	31 Sydney Brudellie	

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Scan code to Give!



BALANCE
\$7,183.00 as
of Aug 31st

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