

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Greetings to the Family and Friends of Trinity,

Warning! I am in a grumpy mood! Yes, pastors get grumpy too sometimes. I am grumpy because I started to think about all of the situations in which people have promised to help

me do something, and have failed to do it. It is one of those behaviors in people that really annoy me. Let me give you the "short-list" of ways people have annoyed me; in keeping with the old line from the "Dragnet TV Show", 'the names have been changed to protect the innocent' although in these situations, there really aren't any innocents!!

1). "Tom", who helps me with yard work and odd jobs promised to cut the shoots that grow up around one of my trees on the boulevard before the Truman Days Parade. They create a visibility problem not only for parade goers but for drivers turning off the side street. He didn't do it but he did call a couple of days after Truman Days assuring me he would get them cut off yet that week. As of this writing (August 10), they still have not been cut.

2) "Dick", in lieu of paying some monies due, agreed to paint a garage. I bought the paint in May; in July he started to paint; as of this writing, it is not finished, and he has left town. My only hope is that there is still a ladder next to the garage which might mean he intends to come back.

3) "Harry" is a lost cause. When I purchased my house in 1999, I wanted a new basement put under it. I contacted "Harry" a well-known contractor; he came and looked over the property and said he would get me an estimate. He didn't; instead he talked to my neighbor about it and my neighbor said, "I don't know why you are asking me. I don't know anything about it". I am still waiting for that estimate bid but in the mean time I got the project done.

4). "Jane" my alternative health care provider was suppose to meet with me 5 weeks ago. I drove 70 miles one way to find out she had cancelled her appointments for the day but would be contacting me about a new appointment date.

I am waiting.

The list goes on, but you get the picture. However, these little scenarios that annoy me so much make me wonder just how upset God must get with us when we make promises to Him....which we sometimes don't keep. For example, in baptism parents promise to live with their children among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper (both pertain to having them in church and Sunday School), teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures and nurture them in faith and prayer....and the list goes on. Yet I know, with a sad heart, that many times those children or their parents are seldom or never seen in church again, until it comes time for confirmation, when the confirmands will make similar promises for themselves, and then seldom if ever be seen again, until there is a wedding to celebrate.

I do not know what Trinity's giving record is-nor do I need to know, but I do know that while most church membership involves a promise to support the church financially, across the county, church giving is down 50% from 20 years ago.

In churches that receive pledges, the percentage of pledges actually received in full is sad. Similar promises are often made to serve on boards or committees, and those who promised to serve-don't; leaving others to carry a double load. In one church I served, a couple had promised to teach VBS-after the first session they informed the director of the program that they had made other plans for the rest of the week and would not be back!

There was a wonderful line in United Methodist membership "I promise to live a life becoming the gospel". An easy promise to make; an often difficult promise to keep.

In all of life we must be careful about the promises we make to one another; we must be especially careful about the promises we make to God and for His kingdom work. In Ecclesiastes 5;4-6 we read: "When you make a promise to God, don't delay in following through, for God takes no pleasure in fools. Keep all the promises you make to Him. It is better to say nothing than to make a promise and not keep it. Don't let your mouth make you sin."

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 Church Council Meeting Wed- July 14, 2021

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Dallas Wegner Rhonda Bonk Jan Ringeisen Nikki Smith Eloise Miller Kaitlyn Carlson

Pastors Report- Pastor Penny Ritter made 13 Independence Day greeting cards sent to shut ins and/or those who can't get pre-recorded service. Phone contact with Jan Ringeisen for prayers for Crue and Eloise Miller. In person visits with Doris Fedder and Mary Lehr. Weekly meeting with Dan Klassen to discuss VBS. In person talk with Chris Duncanson.

Secretary Report-Kathy Wilkening- Eloise motioned to accept the secretary report as presented and Rhonda sec-

ond.

Treasures Report- Yvonne Noorlun- Nikki Smith motioned to accept treasures report as presented and Eloise second.

Stewardship-Rhonda Bonk- none

Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Eloise Miller none

Church Properties-Dallas Wegner- A Huge Thank You to all the members who have donated time for property upkeep by lawn mowed, trimming bushes, and spaying the weeds. The cross in front of church has been painted.

Christian Education-Nikki Smith- VBS will be the first 4 Tuesdays in the month of August from 5:30 to 8. Families of all kinds and ages are invited to attend. Donations of food and money are welcome. Trinity will be represented in the parade for Truman Days.

Youth-Kaitlyn Carlson- none

Worship-Jan Ringeisen- none

Old Business- Finding a Vice-President

New Business- Did not receive a grant from Synod. Did receive a grant from Profiniam Bank for the painting of the cross. Family VBS is going forward. Eloise motioned to accept the transfer Judith Doble to Trinity. Jan second. A huge welcome from our Trinity family. Yvonne will contact Steve with the Synod about proceeding to

call a new pastor. Rhonda motioned to adjourn at 8:00 and Eloise.

Submitted by Secretary

Kathy Wilkening

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Wed- August 11, 2021

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Rhonda Bonk Jan Ringeisen Nikki Smith Eloise Miller Teresa Zaharia

Secretary's Report-Kathy Wilkening—The secretary's report was read and accepted.

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Treasurer's Summary Report As of July 31, 2021

Checking Account Bal.	\$23,369
Savings Account Bal.	\$45,268
July:	
General Fund Income	\$ 8,704
General Fund Expenses	\$ 5,372
Net Long	\$ 3,332
August:	
Cash Available	\$23,369
Bills to pay	\$ 5,780
Cash long	\$17,589

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
Sept. 5– Pentecost 15	Isaiah 35:4-7a	James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sept. 12-Pentecost 16 (God’s Work, Our Hands)	Isaiah 50:4-9a	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sept. 19-Pentecost 17	Jeremiah 11:18-20	James 3:13—4:4:3, 7-8	Mark 9:30-37
Sept. 26-Pentecost 18	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

August Council Minutes (Cont. from page 2)

Treasure's Report- Teresa Zahaira The income to date for 2021 is \$25,676.63. Nikki motioned to accept and Kathy second.

Stewardship-Rhonda Bonk Again Rhonda thanks Pastor Penny for the nice reminder to all in the congregation for their generous donations to the church. The Pony Express will continue as normal this fall unless Covid-19 restrictions are implemented.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism-Eloise Miller Continue to mail cards.

Church Properties- Yvonne Noorlun Thanks everyone for the great job on upkeep of the church properties.

Christian Education-Nikki Smith VBS is going smoothly. First night had about 30 in attendance and the topic was Mission Impossible. Activities were to go to Heartland and write messages of love on the sidewalk and windows of the residents, landscaping rocks at Marianne Lang's yard, and cleaning the Pastors office. The second VBS night was held at Perch Lake with about 45-50 in attendance with a fun scavenger hunt. The third VBS night will be Fort Night. Gift Program is on hold until we can find someone to lead the program. If anyone knows of a

person interested in leading this very important program for the community contact Brenda or Yvonne.

Youth-Teresa Zahaira Mini Golf and pizza are planned. ELCA Youth Gather in Mpls. will be in July 2022 and fund raising will begin soon.

Worship-Jan Ringeisen None

Old Business- New Vice President

New Business-Request for use of the church. Teresa Zaharia motioned the uses of the church for the family Bridal Shower for Brittney Lang on August 14th. Eloise second.

Bevcomm is trenched into the church and will soon be installed.

God's Work Our Hands and Ronald McDonald House date is coming up.

Winter Hours for church service will change October 3rd from 10:00 to 10:30. Tanner has the opportunity to service the Grace Lutheran in Fairmont at 8:30 service as well as Trinity.

The council has unanimously voted to encourage masks to keep us all safe. This is not mandated but recommended so we can continue to have in person worship services.

Submitted by Secretary

Kathy Wilkening



WELCA News

We had a WELCA meeting August 16.

At a previous meeting we had tentatively set a date in September to possibly have the salad luncheon which we normally have in June. However, because of the upsurge of covid cases recently we voted to forego having it this year.

For the same reason we decided to skip the Christmas cookie walk. We will do as we did last year and have a Bakeless Bake Sale. Everyone will be encouraged to contribute to this cause. There will be more information later. The profit from this goes for our benevolence budget.

The good news is that we have the supplies we need to fill our World Relief school bags. Kathy made 8 more bags so that made 30. She will take them to the World Relief warehouse in the cities in September. I want to thank everyone for their purchases.

Another decision we made was to have Thank Offering Sunday November 14. Like last year, there will not be a processional offering as we always did in previous years.

We decided to start having our monthly Bible study again. We will meet at the church and do the study in the Gather magazine as we did before the pandemic. All women are invited. It will be at 9 AM the first Thursday of each month starting September 2.

We decided there is no need for a November WELCA meeting!

Submitted by Co-President

Barb Shoen

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UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$61,097.20

Hy-Vee-\$61,499.84

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

LAWN CARE TEAM - SEPTEMBER

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



October 2021						
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>In-person Service at 10:00 am on Sunday's & live on FB</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-800-11:00 Wed- 8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00</p>		1	2 9 am Open Bible Study	3	4
5 No In-Person Worship Pre-recorded to stream at 10 am on Facebook	6 Church office closed  LABOR DAY	7	8 Church Council mtg. 7 pm	9	10	11 
12  HAPPY Grandparents DAY	13	14	15 First day of Confirmation 4:30-6 pm	16	17 Newsletter  DEADLINE!	18
19 Communion 2nd Grade Bible Presentation New Member Recognition	20	21	22  AUTUMN BEGINS	23	24	25
26 God's Work Our Hands Sunday	27	28 Living Meadows Fall Festival	29 Confirmation 4:30-6 pm	30		Worship Service time Change to 10:30 am on Oct. 3rd

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



I would especially like to thank all of those persons who read parts of the Scripture stories in our series on David—a Man After God's Own Heart. I certainly appreciated your willingness to help, and I believe others enjoyed hearing the stories shared in this way too!

Thank you, Pastor Penny



Our Sympathy to the Louis Hinton family at the death of his father,

Dennis. He passed away on August 1, 2021 in Florida.

A Heartfelt sympathy to Margaret Durkee and family on the death of her mother, Betty Lidberg of Esko, MN. She passed away on August 8th. Her funeral was held at Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet, MN on Wednesday, August 18th.



Installation

You are invited to attend the Service of Holy Communion

with the Installation of *The Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson (As Bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA).*

Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Reception to follow. At Granite Falls Lutheran Church, 350 9th Ave.

Granite Falls, MN 56214.

RSVP: www.swmnelca.org/installation

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

We are looking for ideas for "God's Work Our Hands". We will have more info to follow.



Watch on-line and bulletins.

Thanks to all for your cooperation with masking and social distancing. Stay safe and healthy.

We have new members Sunday coming up soon. If you are interested or know of someone interested in joining our church family, please let us know.



"No, son — the love of Monday is not the root of all evil."



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, Rosalie Heckman, Crue Crosby (Ringesien's grandson) and Linnea Huss.

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

Waffle Breakfast





SEPTEMBER



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Steve & Vanessa Graham (37 years)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rick Davis</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Duke & Carolyn Drevlow (28 years)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>PRAISE THE LORD!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tammy Wokasch</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Jackson Maloney</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Marcy Pettersen</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Copeland Erdmann</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Kashia Moon Dan Smith</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Deb Nickerson Janice Wiederhoeft Jeff & LeAnn Maloney (37 years)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Margaret Durkee Jim & Brenda Hansen (28 years)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Linnea Huss</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Eugene Butler</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Zachary Hansen</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Jordan Selnes</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Jan Warrington</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Tim & Mindy Cook (23 years) Josh & Heather Tonkin (6 years)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>JoAnn Quade</p>	<p>28</p> <p>David & Teresa Zupfer (30 years) Mary Lehr (95 years)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Rhonda Bonk</p>	<p>30</p>		

VBS Memories



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SEPTEMBER 2021

The Lord
is my strength
and my shield

Psalm 28:7

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