

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear Family and Friends at Trinity,

It is the end of summer and the beginning of fall activities. It is my prayer **that the entire congregation** will recognize the importance of nurturing faith---your own faith and the faith of those

around you. Faith Formation is life-long!

As a parent, grandparent, guardian, or neighbor, please make the commitment to bring your children/grandchildren and neighbors to worship. (*They just need to be invited!!!*) In addition, **the GIFT program** will begin on the third Wednesday in September this is an excellent place for kids/youth to gather for learning, food and fun. The activities will be centered around faith formation resources/materials and how this faith is lived out in daily life! Confirmation, First Communion and High School youth group are beginning and provide some excellent faith formation opportunities.

Below see also an adult education opportunity as well as some prayers I share for the beginning of a new school year (and throughout).

ADULT EDUCATION

I have had a few inquiries regarding the possibility of having some time for adults to gather for bible study and conversation. I believe that faith formation is an on-going practice of Christian people. Faith Formation is life-long and I would be happy to facilitate/lead/encourage adults/young adults who might be interested in some time in fellowship and learning. I would like to invite adults to an organizational conversation on Sunday, September 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship area around a cup of coffee. At that meeting we can look at time, frequency or meeting and topic. Just come as you are!

A prayer for children going to school.

Dear Jesus, thank you for promising to be with me always. As I go to school today, bless my going and coming. Be with me as I learn and while I am in recess and lunch. Protect me from fear and keep me safe. Be with

me and my friends, and new friends I haven't met yet! Today and everyday give me joy. Thank you for loving me just as I am, head to toe. In your name I pray. Amen.

A prayer for high school and college students.

O Lord, thank you for your promise and reassurance that you will be with me always. Today, be with me as I begin my schoolwork. Keep me in good health and protect me from harm. In all that I do and say, may I love you with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength, and may I love my neighbor as myself, so that I might fulfill my baptismal promise and your calling on my life as a student. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

A prayer for parents.

O Lord, thank you for your promise you to protect and to guide us through the wilderness of parenting. Protect me/us through the storm, we/I ask that you would make me/us wise when we/I cannot clearly see the way forward, make us/me brave when we/I feel afraid, keep me/us strong in the face of our/my weakness, so that I/we might joyfully entrust ourselves and our children into your tender care in these trying and troubling times. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A prayer for teachers.

O Lord, you who are the Good Teacher, I ask that you would help me to love my students well this day and to be patient with things that don't go according to plan. May I help my students to feel the wonder of the subject matter, to be gracious with themselves in the light of mistakes that they may make, to delight in things newly discovered, and to love the truth with all their hearts and minds, so that they might be wise and compassionate citizens of this world that you so love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS! Children, youth, adults. Sunday, September 17th Pastor Carol will have a special

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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



**Trinity Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting 7:00
 Wednesday- July 12, 2023**

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening
 Dan Klassen Cathy Sorenson Margaret Durkee Mark Durkee Judy Doble
 Caitlyn Carlson Ashley Parrish

Secretary Report- accepted as read
 Treasures Report- accepted as read .

Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Sending out cards to members.

Church Properties- Continue to mow, trim, and spray for weeds. Thank you to the team for keep the church looking so nice. Cathy mentioned that the garbage disposal in the kitchen is not working. Mark will look at it.

Christian Education- Organizing Sunday School materials for rummage sale on Truman Days. Organizing and pricing rummage sale items from church member donations. June 30th "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" terrariums event with ten people. July 14 is the Campfire Talk for 7 to 12 grades. Hot dogs and Smores will be served with games. During Truman Days the youth will be selling rootbeer floats, selling bracelets and

handing out VBS and GIFT information. VBS will be August 28-30. Youth-Youth will be attending the Campfire Talk.

Worship- July 26 the piano will be tuned for Pastor Rebecca Hymn Sing on Sunday July 30. Pictorial Directory dates are August 22-23. Starting in August, the ushers will be passing the offering plate and the ushers will bring offering plate to pastor in the front of the church.

Pastor Carol Report: Visitation at Goldfinch, Heartland, Lakeview Methodist Center. Home visit with 2 members. Hospital and phone visits. Sent out 6 cards. Provided First Communion instruction for Annebelle. Making plans for First Communion instructions for this fall 4-5 graders. Salad Luncheon was a success. WOW service on Wednesday. Planned 2 funerals. NEW BUSINESS: Dan has been working with Bruce Abitz at Bruce-Gemini Studios to get a new sound system for the church. Total cost is \$11,361.42 if approved. Will get another bid also.

Submitted by Secretary, Kathy W.

Special Congregational Meeting August 6, 2023

Immediately after church service

President Dan Klassen informed the congregation about new sound system. Dan was in contact and has a bid from Bruce Abitz of Gemini Studios in Fairmont. The old sound system is from 1989 and is need of replacing. Other contacts were made with for quotes. One company did not reply, and one company wanted payment for travel to make a bid on new system. Bruce Ortiz total cost for bid received is \$11,361.42 for the main portion of upgrade and sanctuary.

There will be additional costs for upgrade in the kitchen area of the church of about \$647. Warranty is 5 years on parts and 1 year on labor. Cathy Sorenson said there is money in differ-

ent church accounts that can be used for this upgrade with no needed fund raising for this project. Don Wilkening motioned to go forward with the purchase of the new sound system as well as the kitchen upgrade system. Sandy Meyer second. Motion passed.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting 7:00

Wednesday- August 9, 2023

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Dan Klassen Cathy Sorenson Margaret Durkee Judy Doble Caitlyn Carlson Nikki Smith Ashley Parish Josh Tonkin Pastor Carol
 Devotion-Pastor Carol prayer
 Secretary Report- accepted as read
 Treasures Report-accepted as read
Lay Ministry/Evangelism-Sending out cards.

Christian Education- Rummage sale earned \$1500 for the GIFT program. Youth served lemonade and snacks Truman Days booth sold root beer floats, tee shirts and bracelets. Hand-ed out flyers for VBS and GIFT. Planning Day Camp and VBS. On July 14, 7 youth and 4 adults attended campfire.

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Treasurer's Summary Report As of July 31 2023

Checking Account Bal.	\$65,163
Savings Account Bal.	\$54,042

JULY

General Fund Income	\$ 4819
General Fund Expenses	\$ 8468
Net short	\$ - 3,649

AUGUST:

Cash Available	\$ 65,163
Bills to pay	\$ 10,034
Cash long	\$ 55,129

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS			
DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
September 3-Pent 14	Jer 15:15-21	Romans 12:9-21	Matt 16:21-28
September 10-Pent 15	Ezek 33:7-11	Rom 13:8-14	Matt 18:15-20
September 17-Pent 16	Gen 50:15-21	Rom 14:1-12	Matt 18:21-35
September 24-Pent 17	Jonah 3:10—4:11	Phil 1:21-30	Matt 20:1-16

Trinity VBS





It is time to buy school supplies for our Lutheran World Relief project. Only items accepted are those in the list below. These supplies go overseas where in some cases children cannot even go to school without supplies.

Please have them to the church by October 1.

Four 70 page notebooks, wide or college lined

One ruler with centimeters

One pencil sharpener

One 2 1/2 inch eraser

One blunt scissors

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

Five ball point pens - no gel ink

One box of 16 or 24 count crayons

This year's salad luncheon was a huge success. Sandy reported that it was the largest in attendance and funds earned. Sandy Meyer and Robin Miller were co-chairs.

^ 30 people contributed food.

^ 20 people contributed money.

^ 6 people set up on Tuesday.

^ 20 people worked the day of the luncheon.

^ 135 people were served and there were 15 take outs.

^ Heartland Nursing Home contributed the ice.

^ The total profit was \$1,765.

Big thanks to Sandy, Robin, and all who contributed in any way to the success of the luncheon. The good news is that Sandy volunteered to be chairman again in 2024.

(August 9th Council Minutes continued from page 2)

Upcoming events are family softball game on September 10th from 3 to 6. Day Camp, VBS, youth leading WOW worship service. GIFT will begin September 20 for first meeting and then the first and third Wednesday the rest of school year.

Youth- The Youth Gathering is in New Orleans this year. The Youth are looking for local areas to serve. Many ideas are being discussed.

Worship-Cathy Sorenson The Roster for pictures is filling up and Cathy is having trouble reaching some individuals. Submitted pictures for the new directory will be \$15 charge. God's Work our Hands will be September 24 (subject to change) plus a meal. Will coordinate ushers responsibilities. Pastor Carol would like September 17 as Backpack Blessing Sunday to include briefcases for working individuals. Thank Offering Sunday will be in November as well as Noisy Offering, possibly during August WOW service and or when the youth are part of the service. Christmas is on a Sunday this year and Pastor would like to have a Sunday morning service as well as the traditional evening service. Pastor Carol is preparing materials for adult Bible Study this fall. It will be held 1 or 2 times a month prior to church service for 45 minutes.

Pastors Report- Visited Goldfinch, Heartland, Lakeview Methodist, and Trimont. A Home visit, hospital phone calls, premarital sessions, emails and sent cards. Ordered First Communion Instructions, preparing for Adult Bible Study, contacted Pastor Kelly for pulpit supply for August 20 service. WOW service had 5 in attendance. Next WOW August 30th the GIFT and VBS will be conducting the service. OLD BUSINESS: The Waffle breakfast served 450 people and is rebooked for next year's Truman Days. Many more volunteers are needed to work the breakfast.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed the new reusable bulletins for future use. Submitted by Secretary, Kathy Wilkening

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$;77,574.29

Hy-Vee-\$23,066.71

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

LAWN CARE TEAM FOR SEPT.

8/27-9/2—Mike Wiederhoeft

9/3-9/9—Wayne M. & Nicole Ebert

9/10-9/16—Vern Quade

9/17-9/23—Monty Selnes

9/24-9/30—Duke Drevlow



October 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE Worship Service at 10:00 am ~streaming live on FB~	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS Mon. 10-12 Wed. 10-12 And by appointment	 Prayers FOR BACK TO SCHOOL		1	2
3 Communion Baptism of Maverick Scheff	4 Labor Day Church office Closed	5	6 Confirmation Classes BEGIN 2:15-3:15	7	8 Deadline to submit your photo's for our church Pictorial directory	9 Teresa Zaharia Marries Jeff Hall at Trinity
10 Baptism of Forbrook children Family Softball game @ Rosberg field from 3-6 pm	11 Patriot Day <i>Never Forget</i>	12 WELCA Bible Study Group	13 Confirmation Class 2:15-3:15 7 pm Church Council mtg.	14	15 Your GIVING matters	16
17 Communion 9 am meeting to discuss Bible Study options BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20 GIFT Classes BEGIN 2:15-5:30	21	22	23
24 God's work. Our hands.	25	26	27	28 Sept. Comm Servers 9/3-Linda M 9/17-Yvonne	29 Sept. Lay Readers 9/3-Judy D. 9/10-Allison K 9/17-Jan R. 9/24-Dan K.	30 Sept. Ushers Dennis Rode & Dave Baarson

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Our Sympathy goes out to former members of Trinity, Brian Shanks and family at the death

of his wife, Deb Shanks who died on Tuesday, Aug 22 in Rochester, MN from breast cancer. A Celebration of Life service is to be held at a later date



There is an Address change for Art Stough

Goldfinch Memory Care

1640 Blue Jay Blvd., Room #8

Fairmont, MN 56031



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 can are preferred..

(Pastor's letter cont. from page 1)

"Blessing of the Backpacks" for anyone going to school or work (adults/teachers/other) who carry a backpack or briefcase/tablet/computer for work). Bring your "pack" and there will be a blessing/prayer and special gift for you!!! BRING A FRIEND with their backpack/briefcase!

CONFIRMATION: Laurie will be teaching Confirmation beginning on September 6th from 2:15—3:15 pm. The course content this year will focus on Old and New Testament and memorization of scripture.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Children/youth who are in 4th grade and up are invited to prepare to receive Holy Communion. The course will be offered this fall in September/October. Ashley Parrish and Jan Ringeisen will be teaching the course: "*Fed and Forgiven: Preparation of Holy Communion*" the sessions will be 60-70 minutes. There is a possibility of one of the sessions being a longer "retreat" format. PLEASE COME TO THE PARENT/CHILD Introduction meeting which is still being determined. The celebration of the participants First Holy Communion being held on Sunday, October 29th (REFORMATION!)



If you are submitting a photo for our new pictorial directory, please have your pictures to the church office by

September 8th. You may leave a picture or you can email the church office in JPEG or PNG form, we will **not** accept a PDF file.



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, and the Brian Shanks family.

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

Remember your
OFFERINGS



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1	2
					Steve & Vanessa Graham (39 years)	
3	4 <u>Labor Day</u>	5	6	7	8	9
Rick Davis	Duke & Carolyn Drevlow (30 years) 		Tammy Wokasch	Jackson Maloney		Marcy Pettersen
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Copeland Erdmann 	Kashia Moon Dan Smith PATRIOT DAY 		Felix Forbrook	Cameron Forbrook	Deb Nickerson Janice Wiederhoeft Jeff & LeAnn Maloney (39 years)	Margaret Durkee Jim & Brenda Hansen (30 years)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Linnea Huss		Zachary Hansen Aubree Heenan	Landon Schnieder Jordan Selnes		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Jan Warrington		Tim & Mindy Cook (25 years) Josh & Heather Tonkin (8 years)	JoAnn Quade	David & Teresa Zupfer (32 years) Mary Lehr (97 years) 	Rhonda Bonk	



Youth Director Newsletter

Hello, I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer! It seems to me like this summer has gone by extremely fast. My daughters both play softball, my oldest plays hockey, and my youngest daughter likes volleyball. We are constantly running to and from sporting events, but I honestly don't think I'd have it any other way be-

cause as my kids continue to grow, I realize that there will be a time when we will miss the running, so I am going to choose to enjoy every moment I can with my kids!

We have been busy with summer activities. We made terrariums and had a campfire with yard games. During Truman Days we had a rummage sale at the church and served root beer floats in the park. Thank you to all who donated, volunteered and participated!

Trinity Day Camp is on August 28th and Vacation Bible School on August 29th and August 30th. The youth will be leading the Wednesday night church service on August 30th!

We are having a youth family softball game September 10th at Rosberg Field from 3pm-6pm.

School will be starting soon so that means The GIFT program will starting as well!!! **The first GIFT is scheduled for September 20th!**

We are planning on having two GIFTS a month after September. We are planning on the first Wednesday of the month and the third Wednesday of the month. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to register!

EVENTS:

Trinity Day Camp August 28th 2pm-5pm

Trinity VBS August 29th-August 30th 3pm-6pm

Trinity Youth Led Service August 30th 6:30pm

Family Softball Game @ Rosberg Field September 10th 3pm-6pm

First GIFT September 20th 2:10-5:30pm

Have a nice day!

Ashley Parish Youth Director (507)-829-9741



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

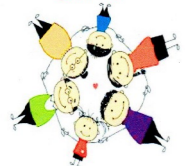
What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

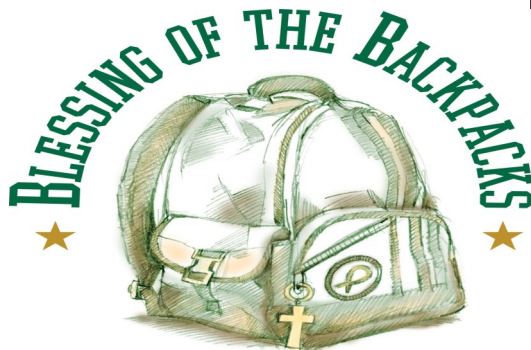
What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!

GIFT



Growing in Faith Together



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS!

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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE U.S. WILDFIRES

AUGUST 2023

[ELCA.org/disaster](https://elca.org/disaster)

Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders, some moving to other Hawaiian islands. Wildfires have also affected the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season.

assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

Gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this, and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts given specifically to "U.S. Wildfires" will be restricted to, and used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires.

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to

Yes, I want to help!

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: *U.S. Wildfires* \$ _____ DDG0077
☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most* \$ _____ DDG0010

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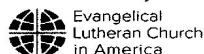
City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Email address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center,
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "U.S. wildfires" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



Lewisville Area Volunteer Fire Fighting Company



September 10th, 2023
from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
at The Lewisville Fire Hall

PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT HIS FIGHT AGAINST BLADDER CANCER

BENEFIT FOR JERRY LANG

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH 3-7PM
EAGLES CLUB, FAIRMONT MN



JERRY AND HIS WIFE AMY LIVE IN TRUMAN, MN. HE IS THE FATHER OF COURTNEY LANG OF WELCOME AND HEATHER REEVES OF BLUE EARTH. JERRY BECAME ILL IN APRIL 2023 AND HAS SPENT MOST OF THE LAST 3 MONTHS IN VARIOUS HOSPITALS. HE HAD MAJOR ABDOMINAL SURGERY AND HAS GONE THROUGH MANY OTHER SMALL OPERATIONS DURING THIS TIME. DURING HIS MOST RECENT HOSPITALIZATION IN ROCHESTER, HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH STAGE 4 PLASMACYTOID BLADDER CANCER. PRIOR TO HIS ILLNESS, HE WAS WORKING AT ELIZABETH CHEVROLET IN TRUMAN AND HIS WIFE AMY AT GOLDFINCH ESTATES IN FAIRMONT. LIVE MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED! WE WILL ALSO HAVE FOOD AND A SILENT AUCTION!

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THE MESSENGER

September 2023

*Every day
I will Bless you and
praise Your name
forever and ever.*

Psalm 145:2

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