

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Greetings to you Trinity brothers and sisters in Christ!

MISSION STATEMENT:

"Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church. Our doors are open to everyone. Our goal is to provide an atmosphere of loving

acceptance, where people can grow spiritually through worship, friendships, fellowship, prayer and concern for the world. If you are searching for a church home or are currently a member, we want to extend a warm welcome to you!"

I did the math today, and Trinity Lutheran was officially organized in 1949—so . this congregation will be 76 years old this year of 2025! WOW!! celebrate that! God placed this congregation in this community and God has shown you purpose, and continues to do this as you move forward in worship and service in THIS PLACE. By PLACE I don't necessarily confine it to the walls and the inside of the church facility. You are the church- the body of believers, who happen to be Lutheran and happen to be a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Are you a carbon copy of every other ELCA Lutheran Church...of course not. But you have a profound gift of community, worship, prayer and study as a congregation. You are also

a church of service. You are a church of hope. Hold fast to these gifts of grace. Be kind to one another, even in differences. Pray for one another. That is church of now and the church of the future. How that might look as Trinity moves forward might surprise you...be open to what surprises the Spirit guides you towards and into. Recall this live-giving promise from scripture:

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:4-6.

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May is a busy month and has it's share of distractions that will challenge one's church-going.....remember worship and worshipping together is a gift. A gift that reminds us of

the promise we have in Jesus Christ. Come gather, Come and see, Come and taste, Come and hear the Word spoken, preached, prayed, sung, and see it in each other's lives. Come and give back to God. God yearns for you to do this actions of worship... worshipping together! THANKS BE TO GOD this worshipping community exists! May God bless Trinity Lutheran in it's many expressions in the house of worship and BEYOND for another 75 years! Amen.

Pastor Carol Mapa

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Nikki Smith
Vice President: Dan Klassen
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith
Christian Ed: Ashley Parish
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee
Lay Ministry: Sylvia Balk
Worship: Yvonne Noorlun
Youth: Caitlyn Carlson



Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
 Wednesday– April 9, 2025
 Call to order– 7:10 pm

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Dan Klassen Nikki Smith Ashley Parish Mark Durkee Margaret Durkee Sylvia Balk, Brenda Hansen

Pastor Carols Report- Two baptisms, home visits, assisted living, hospital, as well as cards and phone calls. Contacted Pastor Heather about Lay Persons giving Holy Communion to homebound or assisted living. Pastor Carol would like to Thank you and what a privilege it has been to serve Trinity Lutheran Church.

Secretary Report-Kathy Wilkening was accepted as read.

Treasures Report-Nikki Smith Income is up from the budget. Repair to water heater for \$389 and Omega Organ repair of left flute amplifier for \$966. Day

Plumbing and Heating general maintenance for the furnace was \$1402.40. Money should come from Gifts and Memorial fund. Motion passed to renew the \$25,000 CD for another 6 months.

Stewardship-Margaret Durkee None

Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Sylvia Balk April 17 will be Maundy Thursday service at 10:00 with coffee and rolls after service.

**Pastor Carol will
 preach her last
 service on April 27th
 with a Pot Luck
 meal at 5:00
 that evening.**

Church Properties- Mark Durkee The mowing list has been mailed to the volunteers. Replaced light bulbs in the fellowship hall. Picked up sticks on the grounds. Mark will contact Cleon Mohwinkel about spraying the weeds.

Christian Ed/GIFT - Ashley Parish -April 2nd GIFT theme was the Lord's Prayer. Half the kids shopped for Ronald McDonalds house for Easter Baskets at Dollar General. May 7th GIFT will be shorter as the kids have Spring Fling at school at 5. The last GIFT will be May 21 with a talent show and evening meal. All of the congregation is invited. No Rummage Sale this year.

Youth- Ashley Parish The youth served 3 Lenten services.

Worship- Brenda Hansen Confirmation Sunday will be April 27. Pastor Carol will preach her last service with a Pot Luck meal at 5:00 that evening. Eunice Woodberry from Jackson will be Pulpit Supply for May 4, 11, and 18. May 18 will be Senior Reception Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastor Carol's retirement Pot Luck at 5:00 on April 27.

The council approved the Wilkening Challenge for the Organ Fund. More information will be in the newsletter. Due to construction at the school the council has granted permission for Day Care at the school to be held at Trinity for 4 months June to September.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of March 31, 2025

Checking Account Bal.	\$49,219
Savings Account Bal.	\$56,841

MARCH:

General Fund Income	\$ 7,385
General Fund Expenses	\$ 7,825
Net short	\$ -440

APRIL:

Cash Available	\$ 49,219
Bills to pay	\$ 7,749
Cash long	\$41,470

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
May 4– 3rd Easter	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	Rev 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 11-4th Easter	Acts 9:36-43	Rev 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 18-Senior Reception	Acts 11:1-18	Rev 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 25-Hymn Sing	Acts 16:9-15	Rev 21:10,22—22:5	John 14:23-29



Youth Director Newsletter for May 2025

Another school year has flown by. Our seniors will soon be graduating and embarking on their next chapter, good luck with all of your future plans. I cannot believe how quickly kids grow as I will have a tenth grader and a 7th grader next year!

We have had a lot of fun with our youth and at GIFT. On May 7th we have GIFT but with the Spring Fling being the same night, we are planning on ending GIFT at 4:30 pm to give kids and parents time to get ready for the concert and give the GIFT volunteers time to clean up and get over to the school as well. The last day of GIFT will be on May 21st. We will be celebrating that night with another talent show at 5:30 pm with a supper to follow. Thank you for your continued support! I appreciate the opportunity to get to know each and every one of these kids!

EVENTS:

May 7th 2:15 pm-4:30 pm GIFT (Done early due to The Spring Fling.)

May 21st 2:15 pm-5:30 pm GIFT (GIFT Talent Show at 5:30 pm with supper to follow. All are welcome to attend.)



Ashley Parish-Youth Director

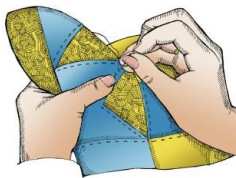


WELCA NEWS/ORGAN FUND CHALLENGE



Thanks to those people who decorate the church and make it look so lovely, especially for special days such as Easter. That reminds me that I hope all of you with prayer kids remembered to send Easter cards.

We have lost so many of our faithful quilters that our group is getting smaller but we did quite well for the few that we had this year. Our new project was making lap robes. In all we made 39. Seventeen of these are for Bravo Zulu House. Six went to the retirement home in Truman and seven to Living Meadows in Madelia.



Matha Circle made baby quilts for babies baptized at Trinity and for Pregnancy Options Center but since there no longer is a Martha Circle WELCA has started doing the baby quilts. This year we made nine baby quilts.

We purchase fabric for the quilts we make for the graduates. The students get to chose some of their favorite things for their quilts. This year we made three graduate quilts. Their prayer partner will present their quilts.

Because of all the other items we made we were only able to get 18 of the regular quilts made this year. We would love to have more people join us next year.

Thanks to the ladies that served one of the Lenten suppers and also those who furnished salads for the Spring Festival in Madelia.

~Barb Shoen



Trinity Organ Fund Challenge

The Wilkening Family would like to challenge the Trinity Congregation

1. If by December 31 2025 the Organ Fund has reached \$4,000. The Wilkening family will contribute \$2,000 to the Organ Fund to purchase a CD.
2. If the Organ Fund has reached \$5,000, the Wilkening family will contribute \$2,500 to the Organ Fund to purchase a CD.
3. If the Organ Fund has reached \$7,000, the Wilkening family will contribute \$3,000 to the Organ Fund to purchase a CD.

Starting from the present day to December 31 2025 Challenge. All donation checks or cash in envelopes marked Organ Fund will be counted and placed into the Organ Fund account. Make checks out to "Trinity Lutheran Church". After January 1, 2026 a renewable CD will be purchased at Profinium Bank for hopefully \$10,000.

There are envelopes available for the organ fund. You can find them in the narthex at the church.

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway-\$99,501.44

Hy-Vee-\$80,620.54



Keep those receipts coming!!

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



LAWN MOWING IN MAY

4/29-5/3-Brian Nickerson
5/4-5/10-Dennis & Pam R.
5/11-5/17-Dan Klassen
5/18-5/24-Mark Durkee
5/25-5/31-Gary Meyer



June 2025

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE 10:00 am Worship Streaming live on FB	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8-11	Acolytes for May 5/4-Sydney B & Alex Ebert 5/11-Alaina K. & Jackson H. 5/18-Liam W & Zachary S. 5/25-Callie P. & Sophia C.		1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	2	3
4 <u>Communion</u> Pastor Eunice Woodberry preaches	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Open Bible Study 9:45 am	7 GIFT Class 2:15-4:30 pm	8	9	10
11 Pastor Eunice preaches Happy Mother's Day	12	13 9:30 WELCA Meeting	14 7 pm Church Council mtg.	15	16 Newsletter 	17 ARMED FORCES DAY
18 <u>Communion</u> Pastor Eunice preaches Senior Recognition	19	20	21 GIFT class 2:15-5:30 GIFT Talent Show—5:30 Supper after	22	23	24
25 HYMN SING Pr. Rebecca Sullivan	26 church office closed Memorial DAY	27	28	29 ASCENSION DAY <u>May Ushers</u> Gary Meyer & Mark Durkee	30 <u>May Lay Readers</u> 5/4-Jan R. 5/11-Dominic 5-18-Donna K 5/25 SandyM	31 <u>May Com Servers</u> 5/4-Ross R. 5/18-Donna Kotewa

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

LENTEN MEAL HELPERS



The GIFT kids are collecting change in pill bottles to help with expenses at the Truman Pool. Paper money & checks made out to Trinity are also welcome. The deadline is May 7th.



GIFT TALENT SHOW

May 21, 2025

5:30 PM

A Supper will be held after the show

Everyone is invited to attend!



Prayers

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

Jerry Teig, Linnea Huss, Norman & Marilyn Anderson, Lois Lloyd's daughter-Amy, Dan Strausser and Marlene Ratike

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

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations.

\$580.00 deposit in April

We need to continue to apply to Thrivent for funding for our Church projects. Contact Yvonne Noorlun and she will help you with the application process!



Dear members and friends of Trinity Lutheran Church,



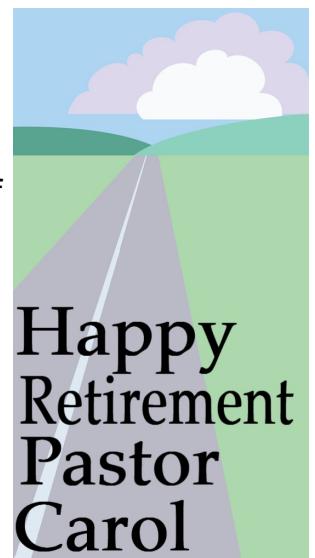
As I prepare to retire (the second time!) from parish ministry on April 30, 2025, I look back on many years (40+) of serving the church in some capacity; particularly as a servant of Word and Sacrament since 2006.

Each “phase” of these 40 years, in particular the last 18 years as an ordained pastor, have brought me joy, growth, challenges and memories- all which I hold dear to my heart. I have learned so much, been blessed through relationships and experiences. In particular, as a retired pastor, I have loved serving at Trinity Lutheran. Although I served only 16 hours a week, I experienced the many ministry surprises, celebrations and challenges that each week brought with it. I also felt the joy of doing the ministry tasks that I truly love to do and feel were my strengths: visitation and worship. I am grateful for the support and trust that I have been given as I walk beside individuals and families through the joys and grief of life. I enjoyed keeping those in care facilities, homebound and in assisted living “connected” to their congregation. I loved worshiping with and along side of you.

Although I didn’t participate a great deal, in physical presence, I prayed for and when in person, was awed by your commitment to the GIFT program at Trinity. It was a risk, you took it, you made it through COVID and now the program meets 2x a month and it is overflowing with promise, hope, little/mid-size bodies and hearts that are full and those needing to be filled. Through the leaders and this congregation, you are planting seeds, how appropriate for a rural setting!!! Those seeds may not be seats in the pew, but they are hearts lit anew and the participants will identify this congregation/church with belonging, a safe place, mat-tering, and learning new things (both about faith and daily life/actions).

My prayer for Trinity is three-fold: 1: TAKE CARE OF YOUR LEADERS- both volunteers and clergy (you took good care of me-and I thank you) and 2: continue to be intentional and welcoming (truly to all who pass through your doors/community); and finally 3. PRAY. Every time you meet as a congregation, as a prayer chain, as a church council, as a youth group, at committee meetings or any planning—because this ministry is NOT ABOUT YOU...it is about God’s vision and calling is for this congregation and it’s ministry in Truman and surrounding area. I will continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guide you along the way....the way of looking forward- which will bring joys, challenges, decisions, choices, laughter and tears....because that is life, that is where God meets us and leads us as his baptized children. God bless you, as we move into new chapters of the book that God is writing with our lives.

*In Christ’s Service,
Pastor Carol Tagatz Mapa*



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				<p>1 Jan Ringeisen</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Mindy Cook</p>
<p>4 Annabelle Hegg</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Oaklynn Beebe</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Daniel Strausser Brian & Karen Nickerson (28 years)</p>	<p>10 Ruby Tonkin</p>
<p>11 Chris Duncanson</p> <p>WE LOVE OUR MOMS!</p>	<p>12 Mariel Parish</p>	<p>13 Addison Smith</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Cameron & Alicia Forbrook (3 years)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Gavin Kester Tanner Mammenga</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Laura Langvardt</p>	<p>20 Olivia Tonkin Nathan Rolling</p>	<p>21 Carter Brudellie Norm & Marilyn Anderson (59 years)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>The Great Outdoors</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Jake & Nicole Ebert (12 years)</p>
<p>25 Gary & Linda Meyer (57 years)</p>	<p>26 Roxanne Lehr</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>27 Dominic Klassen</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Jackson Hastad</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Duke Drevlow Gary Meyer</p>



PUZZLE



A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Proverbs 31 describes a God-honoring woman. How are the women in your life like her? How can you follow their example?

Directions: Use the word bank to complete all the Bible verses. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Proverbs 31:30, NIV.



WORD BANK

bread, household, women, laugh,
children, clothed, speaks, husband, tongue



She is _____ with strength and dignity;
she can _____ at the days to come.

She _____ with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her _____.

She watches over the affairs of her _____
and does not eat the _____ of idleness.

Her _____ arise and call her blessed;
her _____ also, and he praises her:

"Many _____ do noble things,
but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:25-29, NIV

Charm is _____eptive, and be_____ty is fl_____eting; but a
woma_____ w_____o f_____rs the Lo_____d is to be prais_____d.

Proverbs 31:30, NIV

Answers: clothed, laugh, speaks, tongue, household, bread, children, women; Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30, NIV

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