

The MESSENGER

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



Next Call Decision – A Message from Bp. Jon Anderson

Dear Synod Council, Rostered and Baptized Ministers of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod,

For the past seventeen years I have been privileged and grateful to serve as the bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. I still feel surprised at this call to serve that came back in 2003. This call brings serious and intense challenges. It also is full of joys and moments where you see God's Church and people at their best. It has been an honor to serve in this call with so many people, congregations, leaders, rostered ministers, and institutional leaders.

Over the past six months I have been praying and thinking about the question, "Should I be open to serve another term as bishop, if I was called by the 2021 assembly?" I have asked, "What would best serve the mission of God and Jesus our Lord in the Southwestern Minnesota of the ELCA in the next chapter of its life?" Robyn and I have spent time discussing the journey we have lived through and this potential future. I have talked with my family. I have consulted with colleagues, friends, staff, and people who serve in our synod's leadership.

The COVID-19 Virus has disrupted this discernment. I planned to reach and share my decision by the time of our assembly in June. That did not happen as we worked in all the uncertainty of the virus. I adjusted my timeline to make and share this decision by the end of August to help our Bishop Election Committee plan its process regardless of my decision.

I have decided that I will not be open to serving another term as bishop after this term concludes in September 2021. After serving for 18 years, I believe it is time for new leadership for this synod.

I have joked for years saying, "I wonder what God will want me to do when I grow up?" I trust God has some new ways to serve in the future for me. I will strive to serve through this term faithfully and fruitfully until the transition time that will come on September 1, 2021. I look forward to continuing to serve with you all as we walk together following Christ, engaging important challenges and opportunities in the coming months.

Join me in praying that God will guide and call forth a new bishop to serve God and God's mission in our synod in the days ahead.

In Christ,

+Bishop Jon V. Anderson Southwestern Minnesota Synod – ELCA

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Heather Tonkin
Vice President: Yvonne Noorlun
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille
Worship: Jan Ringeisen
Youth: Teresa Zaharia
Pastor Krista



Trinity Lutheran
Wed. September 9, 2020
Council Meeting -7:30 pm

Members present: Pastor Krista Strum, Rhonda Bonk, Kathy Wilkening, Heather Tonkin, Yvonne Noorlun, Clayton Duncanson, Dallas Wegner, Jan Ringeisen, Teresa Zaharia, Laurie Wille, Duane Heckman

Secretary Report: Clayton motioned to accept with corrections and Duane second.

Treasure: Checking account has \$10,886 and savings of \$23,173. The income and the expenses have a deficit of \$2,024 for last month. It was decided that we take the money from Lent, Christmas, and Thanksgiving and donate the money somewhere.

Stewardship: Because of Covid-19, Pony Express enve-

lopes will be hand delivered by the bearer and collected by the bearer. Not transferred from one person to another instead back to the bearer. The money pledge will be for the General Fund.

Church Properties: Tim Bartels painted the west side windows for \$440 which is under the bid quote. Motion carried to pay Tim Bartels for his services. Montana Tree Service bid trimming of the trees for the 6 trees for \$748.13 in the front and north side. The tree service said that the trees are splitting and will have to be taken down in the future. Motioned carried to have trees trimmed. Dallas said the front of church has been improved with rocks, painting, and cleaned.

Christian Education: Gift bags for congregation kids will be made and given to them. GIFT kids will also receive a gift bag as well as a mailing.

Worship: Not much going on. Funeral banners have been put up.

Pastor: Madelia has started inside worship. They had 35 in attendance. Spacing of 2 pews between seats and no singing. Confirmation starts next Sunday in Truman.

OLD BUSINESS: WECLA met and Kathy mentioned that stamps were needed. WELCA gave 2 rolls of stamps for mailings.

NEW BUSINESS: Circle of Faith is

in transition.

New refrigerator has been installed and old one taken away.

It was decided to give Logan Andersons family gift card or cards for \$250 taken from Lent, Christmas, or Thanksgiving fund with prayers from Trinity.

Rhonda motioned to adjourned at 8:25 and Jan second.

Submitted by Secretary,
 Kathy Wilkening



Trinity Lutheran Church
 Treasurer's Summary
 Report
 September 30, 2020

Checking Account	\$7,281
Savings Account	\$23,527
Payroll Taxes Payable	\$126
Profinium Loan	\$16,000
September: Income	\$4,737
Expenses	\$8,192
Money short	(\$354)
October: Cash available	\$7,281
Bills to pay	\$7,071
Cash carry over	\$210
Savings Account:	
Building Funds	\$8,308
Building Funds Interest	\$69
Roof Fund	(\$6,153)
Lent	1,472
Christmas	1,463
Thanksgiving	213
Sunday School	484
Camp Scholarships	1,133
GIFT	875
Missions/Ministry	1,975
General Fund	\$14,438
Total	\$23,189

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ Calendar yr	PSALM	BIBICAL TEXT	GOSPEL
Nov. 1-All Saints Sunday	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matt 5:1-12
Nov. 8-Pent. 23 (Thankoffering)	Psalm 70	1 Thess 4:13-18	Matt. 25:1-13
Nov. 15-Pent. 24	Psalm 90:1-8[9-11] 12	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Matt. 25:14-30
Nov. 22-Christ the King	Psalm 95:1-7	Eph 1:15-23	Matt. 25:31-46
Nov. 29-1st Advent	Psalm 80:107, 17-19	1 Cor. 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

NOVEMBER LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY LAY MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: To be determined after this publication was printed

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

To be determined

NOVEMBER USHERS:

*Brad Nickerson, Norman Anderson

*Thanksgiving Eve Service is unknown at the time this newsletter was published.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday is November 1st, 2020. Let us remember our passed loved ones from Trinity who we lost this last year.

**Donna Fisk
Vi Benoy
Norma Stough
Danny Lang
Tanya Teig
Veryle Williamson**

**January 4, 2020
June-18, 2020
June 30, 2020
July 26, 2020
August 13, 2020
October 24, 2020**



IN THE WORKS

The Church Council met on October 14th and they are working on ideas as to moving forward after Pastor Krista's departure. They will have updates for you soon!
(see page 7 for more details)





WELCA News

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

If we have a indoor service for Thankoffering Sunday, November 8 there will be a few changes. Instead of the processional offering that we normally have, there will be a place to leave your offering. There will not be special envelopes but you can use your own. The checks should be written out to WELCA. If you prefer, this can be mailed to the church office-ATTN-Marlene Breitbarth. **ALSO BRING ITEMS FOR THE FOOD SHELF, PLEASE!**



COOKIE WALK

Another change because of COVID 19 is that we will not be having the cookie Walk. We want everyone to be safe. Instead we will be having a Bakeless Bake Sale which means we will be asking for cash dona-

tions rather than baked goods. You will receive a letter with this information.

NO WELCA MTG IN NOV.

We have decided that we do not need a WELCA meeting in November. We will use the same benevolent budget as we did last year, unless anyone wants to add or delete any items on the list.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Veryle Williamson who passed away on October 24, 2020.



A private family graveside service for Veryle was held at Waverly Lutheran Cemetery in Rural Trimont, MN on Wed. October 28th. Veryle was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran, Truman.

Cards and expressions of sympathy may reach the family at : #114 East 5th Street North, Truman, MN 56088



FORMER TRINITY PASTOR DIES

Robert Alvin Onkka, 98, died Friday, October 9, 2020 in Rochester, Minnesota. A private, family funeral service was held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester on October 12, 2020. Burial will be at the Baldwin Cemetery, Baldwin, WI.

He served Trinity and Waverly Lutheran Churches, Truman, MN from 1955-1960.

He is preceded in death by his wife Dolores (1989), his parents, his brother Paul and wife Marsha, his sister Joan and husband Gerald Wiger, his brother Eino and wife Claire, and his daughter Ruth (Dale) Hinderaker. Memorials may be directed to ELCA World Hunger. Online condolences are welcome at www.mackfuneralhome.com

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



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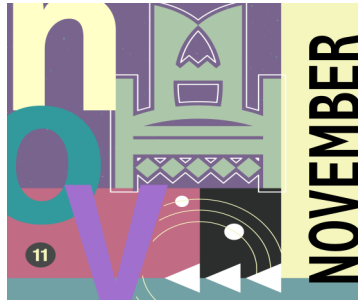
Hy-Vee-\$21,912.51

Keep those receipts coming!!

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



November
STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN



December 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1  <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> Daylight savings time ends	2 Martha Circle is CANCELLED	3 ELECTION DAY 	4	5 Open Bible Study is CANCELLED	6 	7
8  <i>Thank Offering Sunday</i> Bring non-perishable foods	9	10	11 veterans Day 7:30 Church Council mtg.	12	13 "You are the  light of the world." Matthew 5:14	14
15	16 NO WELCA Mtg. Newsletter DEADLINE!	17	18	19	20	21
22  CHRIST the King SUNDAY	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Eve service is unknown at the time of publication ✓ Check social media for updates	26 	27	28
29  FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	30					

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



**Trinity member,
Dan Klassen has a
Caring Bridge site.**

Go to:

[www.caringbridge.org/
visit/danklassen](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/danklassen)

On October 4th Dan was diagnosed with Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma. It is a rare type of cancer that only 1,200 in 500,000 cancer patients get in a year in the US. This type of cancer travels along the nerves in the body. This is non typical kind of cancer.



Please pray for Dan and his family.

If you would like to help, donations can be done through Profinium Bank in Truman-call 507-776-2311 and request to donate to Dan Klassen benefit account.

Also a Go Fund me site has been started at:

<https://gf.me/u/y4yut5>



It is with a heart filled with gratitude, we want to express our thanks for the many kind words, gifts, and most of all memories. Our time in Madelia and Truman has been most definitely life changing but also full of relationships and experiences that we will cherish forever. Beloved People of God always remember - God loves you and so do we.

*Pastor Krista, Katy, and Lauren Strum
and Maurice and MaryLou Hoppe*

CONFIRMATION HELD OCTOBER 25th AT TRINITY

The Service was held inside Trinity Lutheran Church with masks and social distancing rules in place.



Pictured (L-R) Pastor Krista Strum, Keegan Hastad, Jonah Carlson, Carter Brudellie, Jordan Carlson, Ashlyn Cook, Carson Hastad and Mason Kelley.



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

Ardene Miller, Dan Klassen, Family of Veryle Williamson, Marlene Ratike, and Logan Anderson *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

CHANGE IS DIFFICULT, BUT GOD HAS OPPORTUNITIES AND A PLAN FOR US

** Update on Status of Pastoral Care and Church Schedules

The council has an Advisory Board that has been working on several possibilities for our future. There are many churches in the area going through the same changes and challenges we are. This opens many possibilities of sharing as well as other opportunities.

Our short term goals are to provide Pastoral care for all needs and to be as fiscally responsible as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyone's safety is also a top priority.

We are keeping all options open for long term goals as well. We pledge to do our very best to meet everyone's needs.

Scheduling for the next two weeks may be a little bumpy, so we ask for your patience.

At any time you should need Pastoral care, or are aware of someone in our church family in need, please call anyone on our board and we will connect you with a Pastor.

If you have any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please call anyone on the board and we will take it under advisement.

We will continue to update often via – texts, E-mails, phone calls, The Messenger, and letters.

Thank You from the Advisory Board,

Heather Tonkin	507-473-3461
Yvonne Noorlun	507-776-8555
Dave Sorsenson	507-776-3901
Sandy Meyer	507-776-4426
Nikki Smith	507-230-3703
Brenda Hansen -- Office	

Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER

A				

Answer: _____!

Answer: Praise the Lord!

PUZZLE

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	ate	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
5	thanks	sincere	disciples	gathering	hearts	tradition
6	celebrate	good	praising	Christian	God	river

*Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
 Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
 Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
 Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
 Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
 Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
 Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.*

_____ ,
 _____ ,
 _____ . ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV

+Christian Symbol+



St. Andrew's Cross

This cross is a symbol of humility and suffering. It first came into use during the Middle Ages. According to tradition, St. Andrew was crucified while preaching in Greece. He felt unworthy to be crucified in the same way as Jesus, so he begged that his cross be made differently. St. Andrew's cross is the national cross of Scotland. It's also called Cross Saltire.

Bible Quiz

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy











Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19.)

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Gabby Greier 	2	3 	4 Ross Ringeisen	5 Amber Nickerson Vern Quade	6	7 Dan Klassen Wayne Maloney Sue Michalke
8 	9	10 Jake Ebert Doug Schwanz	11 	12	13	14 Nicole Maloney-Ebert
15	16 Shawn Wiederhoeft	17 Cathy Sorenson Ove & Deb Oren (47 years)	18	19	20	21 Carson Peters
22	23 Dale & Cindy Wiederhoeft (45 years) 	24 Josh Tonkin	25	26 Reese Ebert 	27	28
29 Karen Kneeland	30					

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