

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The first evidence of the approach of fall was walnut peels on my patio. The second was our frantic squirrel. It would scurry across the yard to

the oak tree then scurry to the other side of the yard - out of my sight - but I'm sure it was stocking up acorns for the winter. Back and forth in such a hurry you would think it was the last day before winter.



Jesus warns us

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6)

By the look of our woods you can tell that squirrels don't find all the nuts that they buried. There are several saplings of oaks and

walnuts. I checked online and found that squirrels only retrieve 23% of the nuts they hide.

If you have ever moved you know how much earthly stuff you have stored up. It becomes hard to part with things even if moving into a smaller house. We are still looking for items after two years.

Squirrels need to store nuts for the winter and we need a certain amount of things to live. But Jesus calls us to store up treasure in heaven.

These could be actions that we do to help others. It might be the way we share our wealth with those in need. There are times that we spend with others during their times of grief or loneliness due to being home due to illness. There are many ways we can serve God by serving those in need. This is how we store treasures in heaven.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Eunice



COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Nikki Smith
Vice President: Laurie Wille
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith
Christian Ed: Ashley Parish
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee
Lay Ministry: Donna Kotewa
Worship: Yvonne Noorlun



**Trinity Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting
 Wednesday September 9**

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening, Ashley Parish, Nikki Smith, Mark Durkee & Margaret Durkee

Secretary Report: Kathy - Correction to the minutes. Dan Smith sprayed the parking lot for weeds. Mark motioned to accept with correction. Margaret second.

Treasures Report: Nikki - Margaret motioned to accept as presented and Mark second.

Pastors Report: Pastor Eunice - Planned services for

September including outside service. Visitation and communion for 12 individuals, and Jerry Tieg's funeral.

Stewardship: Margaret - Making preparations for Pony Express

Properties: Mark - New flooring in kitchen and bathrooms. Picking up sticks and mowing.

Ed/GIFT: Ashley - August 28 youth campout. Because of the storm the 7 youth and leaders slept inside the church. Thank you to the Tieg family for donating the pizza. The youth played games and made smores.

August 30 Back to School Event from 2 to 5. Five families came. Thank you to Donna Kotewa for donating the delicious bars.

Gods Work our Hands Sunday September 13 - the youth and Ashley held the service at Heartland Truman Senior Living. Center.

September 16 will be the first GIFT for the year.

Family Friendly Halloween Party will be October 31 from 5pm to 7pm

Worship: None

Lay Ministry: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Meals on Wheels discussion. Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

Call committee met.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of August 31, 2026

Checking Account Bal.	\$46,552
Savings Account Bal.	\$69,106

AUGUST:

General Fund Income	\$ 6,509
General Fund Expenses	\$ 7,872
Net short	\$ -1,363

SEPTEMBER:

Cash Available	\$ 46,552
Bills to pay	\$ 6,560
Cash long	\$39,992

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS – OCTOBER

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
October 4-Pent 19	Isa 5:1-7	80:7-15	Phil 3:4b-14	Matt. 21:33-46
October 11-Pent 20	Isa 25:1-9	23	Phil 4:1-9	Matt 22:1-14
October 18-Pent 21	Isa 45:1-7	96:1-9 [10-13]	1 Thess 1:1-10	Matt 22:15-22
Oct. 25-Reformation	Jer 31:31-24	46	Rom 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

Youth Director Newsletter for October 2026

Fall is here!! I look forward to fall all year long. I like the cooler weather, the colorful leaves, pumpkin everything and a whole lot of orange!!! I enjoy our changing seasons because it reminds us that change can be good.

Thank you to the youth who helped with the God's Work Our Hands Service at Truman Senior Living! It was nice to see some of our congregation members join us as well! We donated a fountain bird bath to the residents and some of the youth stayed to help pick up sticks. Thank you!



GIFT started on September 16th. We will have GIFT on October 7th and October 21st.

We are doing our Family Friendly Halloween party at the church again this year! We will have snacks, games, crafts,  trick or treating and a hot chocolate station! All are welcome to attend!

EVENTS:

October 7th 2:15pm-5:30pm GIFT

October 9th 6pm-10pm Youth Group Halloween Event

October 21st 2:15pm-5:30pm GIFT

October 31st 5pm-7pm Family Friendly Halloween Party



LAWN CARE TEAM FOR OCTOBER

Sept 27-Oct 3-Dennis & Pam R
 Oct 4-10- Brian Nickerson
 Oct 11-17- Gary Meyer
 Oct 18-24-Mark Durkee
 Oct 25-31-Mike Heckman



Acolytes for October

Oct 4- Callie P & Alex Ebert
 Oct 11-Gage Moon
 Oct 18-Zach S. & Grayson Werner
 Oct 25-Jackson Hastad

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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	<u>Oct Ushers</u> Dennis Rode And David Baarson	<u>Oct Lay Readers</u> 10/4-Joseph B 10/11-Margaret 10/18-Laurie W 10/25-Donna	<u>Oct Comm Servers</u> 10-4-Mark D 10-18-Sandy 10-25-Donna	PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH	
4 <u>Communion</u> 	5	6 9:45 Open Bible Study 	7 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30 Conf. class 4:15-5:30	8	9 Watoto Children's Choir Concert at Blue Earth High School At 6 pm	10
11 Lay Minister Laurie Wille	12 Columbus Day 	13	14 Conf. class 4:15-5:30 7 PM Church Council mtg.	15	16 17 	
18 <u>Communion</u>	19 Newsletter DEADLINE!	20	21 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30 Conf. class 4:15-5:30	22	23	24
25 <u>Communion</u> Bible presentation Rite of 1st Holy Communion 	26	27	28 Conf. class 4:15-5:30	29	30	31 



WELCA News

The deadline for the WELCA service school kit items are due October 1. Please put your items in the sewing room at church. Robin and Kathy will make 16 school bags. The bags will be put together on Tuesday October 13th at 9:30 after Tuesday Coffee time. Inventory in sewing room on September 13.

Notebooks	47
Box crayons	3
Pens	31
Pencils	72
Rulers	0
Scissors	14
Easers	17
Pencil Sharpener	6

School kits are for Lutheran World Relief and will be delivered to the Cities collection center.



Lutheran WELCA Thankoffering Sunday is November 8th. Thankoffering Sunday is a special worship service in the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) tradition where congregations gather to give offerings in gratitude for God's blessings, often in support of WELCA's ministries.

Food items will be donated to the Truman public school food shelf. List of items needed will be in the next newsletter.

Thank you to all who helped with the annual

rummage sale. The sale was a huge success and to the youth who served all the yummy treats.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Dad's Belgium Waffle such a success.

The kitchen and the bathrooms have new flooring. Thank you to Charlie Miller who installed the flooring. The money for the new flooring came from WELCA and Gifts and Memorial Funds.



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$125,266.98

Hy-Vee-\$120,709.22

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

CHRISTIAN MOVIE AT YOUR LOCAL THEATRE

“Daniel & The Fiery Furnace” is at the Fairmont movie theater. It is based on the bible story and Michael W. Smith is the executive producer. If this movie is well attended more Christian movies will come to our local theater.



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.

GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

Youth Director, Ashley Parish and the Youth went to the Truman Heartland Senior Center and led the Worship Service there for the residents for our God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday

They also picked up sticks on the lawn and also donated a bird bath to THSC as a part of GWOH.



(L-R) above are Collyn Vogel, Callie Parish, Gabby Greier, Mariel Parish, Caroline Werner, Carter Werner, Liam Werner and Grayson Werner. *Not in the picture but part of the service were Addy Urban, Sydney, Peyton & Aubrey Bruderie.*



Prayers

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

Norman & Marilyn Anderson, and Linnea Huss.

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

Remember to...



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 Dennis Rode	2 Yvonne Noorlun	3 Brad & Deb Nickerson (34 years) 
4 Lindsey Hoppe	5	6	7	8	9 Dennis & Pam Rode (50 years) 	10 Aubrey Brudellie Larry Mohwinkel
11 David Zupfer	12	13 Abby Hinton	14 Heather Tonkin	15	16 LeAnn Maloney Kasey Moon	17
18 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER. Psalm 136:1, NIV	19	20 	21 David & Sue Michalke (54 years) 	22 Allison Feda Nicole Worlds	23 Isabelle Foster	24
25	26	27 JoDee Lewis	28	29	30 Terry Petersen	31 Sydney Brudellie 

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October 2026

FAMILY FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN PARTY

snacks & games! *At Trinity Lutheran Church* Trick or Treating Hot Chocolate Station

102 North 7th Ave East
Truman, MN

**SAT, OCT 31ST
5:00 PM-7:00 PM**

Everyone welcome to attend!
contact Ashley Parish for more information 507-829-9741

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