

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Most Western Christians aren't aware of the Feast of Creation celebrated on September 1st. It has been a long time celebration in Orthodox Christian churches since the 5th century. The purpose is to celebrate God as creator of the universe. We will celebrate this Christian holiday on Sunday, September 6 at our outdoor service.

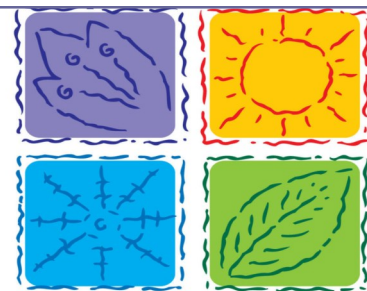
The Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - was present at creation. Christ gifts us abundant life in the waters of baptism. Throughout the Bible water is a symbol of life. Where there is water there is abundant life. The prophet Ezekiel speaks of a river that flows from the temple and that everything will spring to life as the water reaches them providing food through fish from the river and fruit from the trees that line the banks. The Book of Revelation speaks of the same river flowing from the temple and producing a tree that bears fruit for the healing of the nations. Once again we hear about the abundance of life. This tree produces fruit every month. Famine doesn't exist any-

more. There is no shortage of food. There is abundant life and it is for all the nations.

This summer we have been blessed with abundant rain. After a series of drier summers this has been a welcome relief for gardeners and farmers. We know that the weather will dry out for a while and allow the crops to prepare for harvest and yet we know that after the blessing of the harvest we will also be blessed with winter snow which does its own job of watering the earth. As the writer of Ecclesiastes says, "A time for every purpose under heaven."

May your autumn be blessed

Pastor Eunice



**FOR EVERYTHING THERE
IS A SEASON, A TIME
FOR EVERY PURPOSE
UNDER HEAVEN.**

ECCLESIASTES 3:1, NLT

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 August 12, 2026**

Member Present: Kathy Wilkening Ashley Parish
 Yvonne Noorlun Nikki Smith
 Mark Durkee Margaret Durkee
 Donna Kotewa

Secretary Report - Kathy Wilkening - Correction to the minutes. Brad Nickerson installed the new door handle and lock on the south door.

Treasures Report - Nikki Smith - Income has been down for the summer. This month does not reflect the Dad's Belgium Waffle breakfast income. Mark motioned to accept and Margaret second.

Pastors Report - Eunice Woodberry - Planning services. Working with Tanner to introduce

new songs as well as old favorites. Visits with shut-ins and phone calls. Had services for 1 baptism and 2 funerals.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism - Donna Kotewa - One baptism with 1 medallion.

Church Properties - Mark Durkee With all the rain there is lots of mowing and spraying. All the bushes have been trimmed and look great. Will ask Mike Heckman to spray the parking lot for weeds.

Youth - Ashley Parish - The GIFT rummage sale went very well and made \$1083. Thank you to all who donated items and food. VBS had 11 kids and 2 youth helpers. The theme was "God is my Rock". The kids played water games, had snacks and made crafts. The kids walked to the nursing home and sang songs and gave the residents painted rocks. The upcoming event for GIFT will be August 30 at the church for Back to School supplies from 2-5pm.

August 28 will be Youth camp-out on Church property. September 16 will be the first GIFT meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dad's Belgium Waffles Breakfast went well. The cost of food and gas is increasing and we will have to increase the price next year. This year we profited \$1,324.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make this event happen.

NEW BUSINESS:

WELCA is looking into replacing the kitchen floor as well as flooring in both bathrooms.

Zaharia's Funeral Home is offering a program to help in end of life planning.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday will be September 13 at Heartland Nursing home.

Ashley Parish and the youth will conduct the service.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening

*Faith and works are like the
 light and heat of a candle;
 they cannot be separated.*

—Joseph Beaumont



Treasurer's Summary Report As of July 31, 2026

Checking Account Bal.	\$47,696
Savings Account Bal.	\$69,031

JULY:

General Fund Income	\$ 5740
General Fund Expenses	\$ 7406
Net short	\$ -1666

AUGUST:

Cash Available	\$ 47,696
Bills to pay	\$ 8,887
Cash long	\$38,809

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS – SEPTEMBER

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sept. 6-Pent 15 (Outside service)	Ezek 33:7-11	119:33-40	Rom 13:8-14	Matt 18:15-20
Sept. 13-Pent 16	Gen 50:15-21	103[1-7] 8-13	Rom 14:1-12	Matt 18:21-35
Sept. 20-Pent 17	Jonah 3:10—4:11	145:1-8	Phil 1:21-30	Matt 20:1-16
Sept. 27-Pent 18	Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32	25:1-9	Phil 2:1-13	Matt 21:23-32



Youth Director Newsletter for September 2026

It has been a busy summer for my family and it seems that the older my kids get, the faster the summer goes! I think some of the highlights of the summer have been trips, time with family, the GIFT rummage sale, and VBS.

The youth and I will be leading the church service at Truman Senior Living on September 13th for God's Work Our Hands Sunday. The first GIFT of the school year will be on September 16th!

EVENTS:

Sunday, September 13th: God's Work Our Hands Youth-led church service at Truman Senior Living at 10am

Wednesday, September 16th: First GIFT of the school year 2:15pm-5:30pm

Ashley Parish- Youth Director



LAWN CARE TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 1-5—Mike Wiederhoeft
 Sept 6-12—Vern Quade
 Sept 13-19—Monty Selnes
 Sept 20-26—Mark Durkee
 Sept 27-Oct 3—Dennis &



October 2026						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE Worship Service at 10:00 am Live streamed on our FB page	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8-11	1 9:45 Open Bible Study 	2 4:15-5:30 Confirmation classes begin at instructor Laurie Sherman home	3 Acolytes for September 9/6-Zach Schneider & Liam Werner 9/13-Jackson Hastad & Sophia Carlson 9/20-Gabriell Greier and Addy Urban 9/27-Grayson Werner & Sydney B.	4	5
6 Communion 	7 Labor Day Church office closed	8	9 Confirmation Class at 4:15 7 pm Church Council mtg. Brenda	10 will be in the	11 PATRIOT DAY 	12 church office
13 God's Work Our Hands Sunday Youth Led Congregational Service at the Truman Nursing Home No service at church	14	15	16 GIFT Class begins at 2:15	17 Newsletter DEADLINE!	18 	19
20 Communion	21	22 	23 Confirmation Class at 4:15	24	25	26
27 Communion	28 	29	30 Confirmation Class at 4:15	Lay Readers 6-Sandy M 13-LeAnn M 20-Tim L. 27-Brenda H	Sept Ushers Mark Durkee & Gary Meyer	Sept Comm Servers 9/6-Margaret 9/20-Ross R 9/27-Jan R.

WELCA News

WELCA decided to make school kits for the service project this year. These are the items that have been specifically selected according to the Lutheran World Relief recommendations. Items can be put in the sewing room. Robin and Kathy will sew the school bags for this service project. List below is what is in 1 school bag and the amount of items we have collected so far.

Current count

4 Wide Ruled Notebooks	47
1 Ruler	1
1 Pencil Sharpener	0
1 Scissors	14
5 Pencils [not sharpened]	20
1 Box of Crayons	3
5 Pens	31
1 Pink Pearl Eraser	17
1 Draw String Canvas Bag	?

Kathy was contacted by Healing Hearts Homes in Sherburn for quilts and the sewing group donated 10 quilts for the ladies.

Barb

will look for new homes for the lap robes. Thankoffering Sunday will be November 8th and is a special worship service in the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) tradition where congregations gather to give offerings in gratitude for God's blessing.

Cookie walk will be December 5th.



Congratulations to Logan Davis & Matt Veerkamp on the baptism of **Tori Ann Veerkamp** who was baptized at Trinity on July 12, 2026 by Pastor Eunice.

She was born on April 5, 2026 at Mayo in Mankato, MN

Her sponsors are Karsan Davis and Jeremy Pidde.

Tori's proud grandparents from Trinity are Rick & Terresa Davis.

(The quilt was given to them from the WELCA ladies group)

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$122,326.14

Hy-Vee-\$117,704.97

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Our sympathy to
The Jerry Teig
Family at the
death of Jerry,

who passed away on July 25,
2026 in Hopkins, MN. Jerry's
funeral was held at Trinity Luther-
an on August 11th with Pastor

Eunice

Woodberry
officiating.

He was buried
at Ridgelawn
Cemetery in
rural Truman.



Marlene Breitbarth
211 6th St. N.W. Apt. #127
Winnebago, MN 56098

And

Jan Warrington
850 Goldfinch Estates, Apt #125
Fairmont, MN 56031

New flooring was put into the kitchen
and bathrooms. A BIG Thank You to
WELCA and the Memorial Fund who
paid for the expense. And also thanks
to Charlie Miller for installing it all.

WAFFLE BREAKFAST TOTALS

Dad's expense	\$1,438.10
Fareway items	\$ 283.16
Ad in paper	\$ 50.00
Expense	\$1,771.26
Profit from Breakfast	\$3,096. minus expense

TOTAL PROFIT \$1324.74

(294 regular plates), (9 carry-outs) (28 kids)



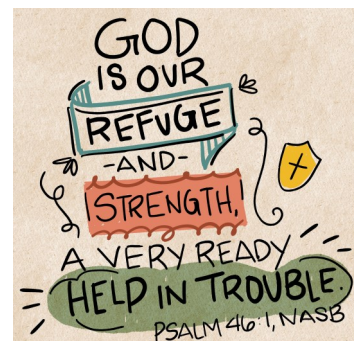
Doug Buhmann from Key Largo, Florida,
passed away on Friday, July 31st, 2026.
He is a brother to Robin
(Charlie) Miller and a son
to Darrell Buhmann. Our
deepest sympathy to the
family.



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, Linnea Huss, and
the families of Jerry Teig and Doug Buhmann.**
*Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be
your presence to all. Amen.*



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 Steve & Vanessa Graham (42 years) 	2	3 Rick Davis	4 Duke & Carolyn Drevlow (33 years)	5
6 Tammy Wokasch	7 	8	9 Marcy Pettersen Teresa & Jeff Hall (3 years)	10	11 Kashia Moon Dan Smith 9/11 PATRIOT DAY WE WILL NEVER FORGET	12
13 Felix Forbrook 	14 Cameron Forbrook	15 Deb Nickerson Janice Wiederhoeft Jeff & LeAnn Maloney (42 years)	16 Margaret Durkee Jim & Brenda Hansen (33 years)	17	18 Linnea Huss	19
20 Aubree Heenan	21 Landon Schneider Jordan Selnes	22 	23	24 Jan Warrington (88 years) 	25	26 Josh & Heather Tonkin (11 years)
27 JoAnn Quade Mitchell & Carlee Scheff (6 years)	28 David & Teresa Zupfer (35 years)	29 Rhonda Bonk	30			

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GIFT



Growing in Faith Together

**GIFT CLASSES BEGIN
ON SEPTEMBER 16TH
2:15—5:30 PM**



Scan code to Give!

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God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026