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Evangelical Lutheran
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Behold, I am doing a *new thing*.
Do you not see it?
I am making a way in the
wilderness and streams in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19



Can You See It?

As we begin our fall program year, I can sense the excitement in the air as we return to many of our usual activities – choirs, confirmation, Sunday School, and all the rest. But I can also sense the anxiety as we move into another year of covid restrictions. How much longer will this go on?

And right in between the excitement and the anxiety is this promise from God: "I am doing a new thing. Do you not see it?" Indeed, God is doing a new thing among us, giving us strength, giving us courage, giving us hope for whatever lies ahead. I know that it feels like forever since March 15, 2020, the last time we worshiped without having to follow any restrictions whatsoever. But I also know that during this "forever" time we've learned so much, grown so much, changed so much. We have a stronger sense of our priorities, we have a clearer vision for the future, we have a deeper appreciation for each other.

So the next time someone asks you if you're nervous about the days ahead, just be honest with them. Tell them that you actually are a little bit anxious, but that's nothing compared to the promise of God that there is a new thing happening among us. Because it's true. Can you see it?

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm

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Worship Onsite
Sundays 9:00 & 10:30 am

Worship Online
Sundays 9:00 am
Wednesdays 7:00 pm

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What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



Onsite

Sundays at 9:00 & 10:30 am
9:45 am Sunday School and Fellowship

Online

Sundays at 9:00 am
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (beginning Sept. 15)



Jacob's Journal

We are about to fall into a new season again and I can't get two things out of my mind. The first is Ecclesiastes 3 and the other is the song by The Byrds called *Turn! Turn!*

Turn! I think of these words and I wonder what this season of life calls us to do as a church? Things are different now, but things have always been evolving and different. How do we live into what Christ calls us to do? To see our neighbors — I mean really see our neighbors. The neighbors who are struggling with food or housing insecurity, those suffering from illness, addiction, or a mental health crisis, those who experience injustice, or just the neighbor next door who we have never met? How do we look beyond our walls, beyond our social circles, and lean into something that might be uncomfortable and love and care for our neighbors? How do we do that without wanting or needing anything in return? Without needing it to take place within our walls? When is that season? That season is now and its time to turn, turn, turn, to our neighbors and live the love of Christ in our communities!

Blessings ~ Jacob Ulland, Intern

whychurch?

"Why Church" at Trinity Lutheran

Trinity Lutheran Church is embarking on an initiative this year called "Why Church". Through this partnership with the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod, we will be offering several opportunities for the congregation to come together in discussion, learning, and faithful support of one another as we continue to seek the ways God is at work in our daily lives and how we can invite our congregation and our community deeper into the faith life at Trinity Lutheran Church. "Why Church" is just the beginning – let's explore together "why" church is meaningful to us and let us be guided to discover "where", "when" and "how" we can build purposeful faith connections in our lives with those around us.

Why Church: "God's Story and My Story" Wednesday, October 27 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for our first "Why Church" opportunity as we talk about how far we have come and how much we have grown in the midst of the global pandemic. During this event, we will re-connect with each other, re-discover our roots in the faith, and be re-minded of our rich history in faith through the Bible. And we will do all of this right before we celebrate our Lutheran Re-formation on the last Sunday of October. God is always re-forming the church – let's get together and see how God is re-forming each one of us!

In this interactive session participants will:

- Get in touch with why it matters that we get (re)connected to God's story;
- Be led through a (re)discovery of the significant stories and themes running through the Bible;
- Identify a key theme, passage, or story in the Bible that speaks to you, which you can claim as "your own".
- Consider what we might do next together to keep tapping into the story God is still telling.

To learn more or to sign up to attend this event, visit www.trin.org/whychurch.



Sunday School begins on September 12

Sunday School starts on September 12, and we're excited to be offering in-person and online resources again this year. If you're able to join us in-person, we'll meet each Sunday from 9:45-10:25 am in the Nylunda Chapel. As we ease back into things for the first few weeks, we'll stick together as a group in the chapel singing songs, learning the Bible story of the week, and playing a game. We'll be posting these same resources online each week in case you're tuning in from home! We're asking families to please register their children for Sunday School, so we can plan accordingly!

Visit www.trin.org/sundayschool to register.

We're also in need of volunteers! If you're willing to volunteer to help with Sunday School this year (even if you can't make it every week), please reach out to Hannah Rosholt at hrosholt@trin.org.



Trinity Youth Ministry

Trinity High School students in Grades 9-12 (and their friends) are invited to attend Youth Ministry events on most Wednesday nights at Trinity.

Check out what we have coming up in September!

Kick-Off Event

Wednesday, September 22 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Come for a meal and fellowship together.

Digging Deeper Night

Wednesday, September 29 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Gather for conversation about faith and being a teenager.



>> Trinity GROUPS

Quilting Ministry

Tuesdays | 9:00 am

Join the Trinity Quilters each Tuesday morning in the Nylunda Chapel for a morning of quilting and conversation.

Trinity Apostles

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month | 8:30 am

Join the Trinity Apostles for coffee, fellowship and to check off a few "handyman" jobs from our to-do list. All are welcome to lend a hand.

Heavenly Housekeepers

4th Thursday of the month | 9:00 am

The Heavenly Housekeepers meet monthly to complete light housekeeping tasks around the church.

Priscilla Circle

2nd Monday of the month | 2:00 pm

Priscilla Circle is a bible study for women that explores scripture and other faith topics. Contact Eileen Nelson (nelsej@gmail.com or 952-955-1491) for more details.

Trinity Book Club

Monday, September 13 | 6:30 pm

Join the discussion on monthly book selections with Trinity's Book Club. Email Diane Johnson at dcjohn56@frontiernet.net to receive the notification emails.

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Thursday, September 16 | 9:30 am

Join Trinity's OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group for breakfast at R & B Cafe in downtown Watertown. RSVP to Sandy Beckman at 952-955-1780 or sign up at the church office by September 14.

Congregational NEWS

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

Bella Drews & Bentley Drews

*Daughter and son of
Cory & Jena Drews
Baptized August 10, 2021*

Logan Olson

*Son of Andrew & Brittany Olson
Baptized August 19, 2021*

MEMORIALS

In memory of

Frank Kaduk

Quilting ~ \$100

JoAnn Cassidy

Quilting ~ \$225

Missions Beth Johnson ~ \$80

Missions Knutsons ~ \$15

Capital Appeal ~ \$150

Barbara Lee Meyer

General Fund ~ \$175

Camp Onomia Quilt Auction

Saturday, September 18

11:00 am - 2:30 pm

You're invited to the Camp Onomia Quilt Auction to bid on a variety of beautiful quilts (including one from our very own Trinity Quilters). Visit www.camponomia.org for details and to view the quilts online.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

August 17, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

About \$37,916.67 is needed each month to meet the approved budget of \$455,000.

General Fund summary July 2021

Beginning balance 7/1/2021:

\$ 25,177.52

General Fund income: \$ 25,595.45

General Fund expenses: \$ 34,739.40

Net balance (June): -\$ 9,143.95

General Fund balance as of

7/31/2021: \$ 16,033.57

Year-to date general fund EXPENSES exceed INCOME by \$20,650.73.

Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 937.21

Loan principal payment: \$ 1,399.79

Add'l principal payment: \$15,633.00

Mortgage loan balance:

\$ 278,893.15

Cash Summary

Bremer: \$ 63,894.65

(includes \$2,726.32 for July federal withholding and \$11,955.78 in hail damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$137,053.15

M/S/C Jodi Boylan / Diane Holmes / carried

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Jeff Engholm discussed how successful Tour de Tonka was. VBS is running successfully thanks to Hannah Rosholt. The "World's Tiniest Marching Band" was a hit at the Rails to Trails Parade.

OLD BUSINESS

Property Improvement Updates

The church has renewed the lease on the office copier, which includes an upgrade to a new machine.

NEW BUSINESS

Trinity Fall Planning We held an open discussion on Trinity's plans for the fall.

Sunday Mornings (for now)

- 9:00 service, keeping it shorter.
- Sunday school immediately following the first service.
- 10:30 service.
- Continue recorded, online service at 9:00 am.
- Continue following Covid advice from medical experts.
- Reevaluate changes around Thanksgiving.

Music

- Praise Band I, Bell Choir, Choir will be beginning in September.
- Holding off on children's choir.
- Additional special ensembles throughout the year.

Worship Volunteers Trinity has had a history of strong volunteer support for ushers, coffee servers, lectors, etc. and now that service has not been in person for so long, we need to find a way to invite the volunteers back to service.

- Time and talent survey.
- Continue having volunteers sign up on clipboard at service for September.

Sunday School

- In person starting in September with online options available.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 AA Meeting 7:30 pm Praise Band 8 pm	2 Happy Birthday ----- Jack Brueggemeier Denyalle Hembroff Kathryn Hoover John Mueller Alex Phearman Peder Rumrill	3 Happy Birthday ----- Logan Matson	4 Happy Birthday ----- Sarah Chellen Noah Isakson Scott Isakson Allison Kind Janice Peterson
5 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 9:45 am	6 LABOR DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i> AA Meeting 8 pm	7 Quilters 9 am Handbells 6:45 pm Happy Birthday ----- Tim Kirkman Andrew McCain Brenda Reardon Claire Sieling	8 AA Meeting 7:30 pm Worship Choir 7 pm Praise Band 8 pm	9 Happy Birthday ----- Mary Beck Shelby Mueller	10 Happy Birthday ----- Jennifer Helmbrecht	11
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➡➡➡➡ Last Month in Pictures



Trinity has been busy this summer with events like VBS, the Tour de Tonka Rest Stop and the Rails to Trails Parade. Keep on Shining On!



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