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**Evangelical Lutheran
 Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

Sunday School

Resumes in Fall 2025

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.
 @ TLC (library);
 meets @ Bridgeview Est. on
 second Tuesdays of month.

Pastor:

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 Closed on Mondays &
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Kaneia Kinney

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Diane Kracht

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity Tidings



*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
 patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
 gentleness, and self-control. –Galatians 5:22*

I still remember holding the bar of soap and wondering how such a thing could be possible. I was 8 years old and sat on the floor during the opening of Sunday School class. Our teacher was passing around the items that would be going into a Lutheran World Relief Health Kit. As I held the bar of soap, she explained that the kits were going to people around the world who did not have these things. I stared at the soap and found it difficult to believe that there was a kid out there that did not have soap. It seemed like we had plenty at our home, and when a bar was worn down to nothing, magically another bar would appear (as in, my mom would put out a new one). At the tender age of 8, I learned that I was rich and there were people in the world who needed help.

Lutheran World Relief envisions a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. It provides aid in emergencies; partners with communities to build and grow rural economies; and works to break the cycle of poverty so families and communities can thrive. With a theology rooted in God's love for all people, LWR works with Lutherans and partners around the world to help people and communities be self-sufficient and better able to develop their own creative ways to meet future needs.

For the past 80 years, Lutheran World Relief has worked here and abroad. In July, heavy rains caused parts of central Texas to flood. LWR has provided quilts and kits as well as emergency food, water, tarps, clean-up kits, hygiene supplies, and clothing to people whose homes were damaged or destroyed. In places such as West Africa, LWR helps farm families increase the quality and yield of their crops and livestock, access sources of credit, and sell their produce in bigger and more profitable markets. Also, LWR helps these families become better equipped to cope with severe drought through water and soil conservation.

What began as an outpouring of love after World War II has continued to serve those in need. In honor of Lutheran World Relief's 80th Anniversary, Trinity's Outreach/Stewardship Committee invites you to be part of assembling 80 school kits for LWR. In recent years, our congregation has donated around 50 school kits a year – so we are being asked to stretch a bit – but we can do it! A list of school kit supplies is found elsewhere in this newsletter. THANK YOU for being part of making a difference in other people's lives! And thank you to all who have taught others to be generous and kind!

In Christ, Pastor Diane



In our Thoughts & Prayers:

Family/Friends of : Ethel Heckman, Frances Yokom, Joie Heckman, and Shirley Hoff. Shirley Koslofsky (sepsis; recovering @ Bethany Homes, Fgo), Michelle (Hoefs) Carlblom (neck surgery recovery), Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband), Sheila Miller (cancer; Jennifer Bacher's friend), Marleen Pytlik (heart issues), Carol (Hoff) Crandall, Nicole Wieser, Jenny Morical (Kathy Hoefs daughter), Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; EaND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth/ ELCA Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop Elect the Rev. Yehiel Curry; Peace



Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family & friends of:

Ethel Heckman, who died in Valley City, on July 11.
Her funeral was held at Trinity on July 16.

Frances Yokom, who died in Valley City, on July 18.
Her funeral was held at Trinity on July 24.

JoAnn (Joie) Heckman, who died in Dilworth, MN, on July 29. Her funeral was held at Trinity on August 6.

Shirley Hoff, who died in Valley City on Aug. 6.
Her funeral will be held at St. Raphael on Aug. 14, 10 a.m. @ St. Raphael Chapel.

June & July 2025 Memorials

<u>In memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>
Harold Pross	Anonymously	General
Ethel Heckman	Bruce & Diane Kracht	General
	Jerry & Julie Yokom	General
	Rhonda Benson	General
Frances Yokom	Bruce & Diane Kracht	General
	Randy & Karen Ladbury	General
Frances Yokom	Family of Frances	Quilters
Ethel Heckman	Bernie & Edna Elsner	Quilters
	Randy & Karen Ladbury	Quilters
Dick Monson	Bernie & Edna Elsner	Quilters



Jamestown Area Grief Support

Jamestown Area Grief Support Team is offering a Grief Support Group. The group will meet once a week on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church (424 1st Ave. S., Jmstn), beginning Aug. 19th, and will run for 6 weeks.

Anyone who has experienced the death of someone important to them is encouraged to attend. The group is FREE of charge, but registration is required.

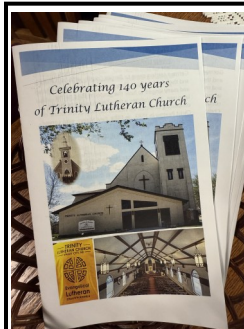
Participants should plan to attend all 6 sessions. To register, call Charlotte at (701) 952-9358 or (701)320-3297; or Cecelia at (701)269-4236.



The Sheyenne Valley Memory Café will begin their third season Thursday, Aug. 28th, at Faith Lutheran Church. Doors

open at 1 p.m. with a program beginning at 1:30 p.m. The program for August will be "Driving Safety for Seniors." Each month will have a different topic and speaker.

The Memory Café is a free and supportive space for individuals with memory loss and their care partners to connect, enjoy social activities, and learn practical tips. For more info, call City-County Health District at 845-8518 or follow @Sheyenne Valley Memory Café on Facebook.



TLC 140th Anniversary Booklets are now available!

If you would like to receive a TLC 140th Anniversary booklet, you can pick one up at the church office or at back Sanctuary table.



Lutheran World Relief Is Celebrating Its 80th Anniversary!

A LETTER FROM REV. LISA KIPP, LWR Director of Congregational Engagement:

Eighty years ago, our Lutheran forebearers had a vision to join together and be the Body of Christ in the world, responding boldly to the needs of our neighbors in Europe after World War II. When they founded Lutheran World Relief in 1945, the outpouring of love was immense. Our grandparents got busy sewing quilts and organizing fundraising drives. Within just 14 years, American Lutherans had provided more than \$100 million worth of aid. And we were just getting started.

Over these 80 years of faithful service, our ministry together has grown. Today — together — we go where no one else goes ... to the front lines of war and to places even cars can't reach. And we stay as long as we're needed to help families recover and rebuild.

We can't predict where or when the next urgent need may arise. But we know we can always count on YOU to respond in love and create a brighter future for the next generation.

As we reflect on 80 years of faithfully working together to break the cycle of poverty, we invite your congregation to join us by marking this milestone and continuing our Lutheran legacy of love.

In partnership,
REV. LISA KIPP
LWR Director of Congregational Engagement



Until Sept. 30, we will be collecting **SCHOOL KIT items** for LWR.

Our goal is to collect enough items to make 80 kits, in honor of LWR's 80th Anniversary. Many stores currently have sales on back to school items.

Items needed are:

Rulers

Pens (blue or black ink only; no gel pens)

Scissors (blunt-ended only)

Crayons (16- or 24-count)

Erasers (2 1/2" size)

Pencil sharpeners

We do not need pencils or school bags at this time. Also, please do NOT donate items with these symbols: religious, military (including flag/camouflage), or group names.

All kit items can be placed in the designated basket in the TLC Gathering Area. Thanks!

Rummage Sale for Casa de Fe: Saturday, August 15

8 a.m.—4 p.m. @ TLC (lower level)

Something for everyone!!

Rolls/coffee will be for sale in the morning!

(All free-will offering proceeds will benefit an orphanage in Shell, Ecuador.)

Help is needed on Sunday, Aug. 10th, (after the Mission Breakfast) putting dining room chairs away, so that Rummage Sale items can be placed on tables.





TLC Sunday School Needs You!!!

At the Christian Education meeting on July 31, we discussed possible options for Trinity Sunday School Program for 2025-2026. We quickly realized that without people willing to teach Sunday School, we will not be able to offer Sunday School at Trinity. We need people to volunteer to teach one or more Sundays month. Please pray about this and, if you are interested, email or call the church office by Sunday, August 10th. We will be making a decision at our August 12th meeting.

Trinity Lutheran Christian Education Cmte



Confirmation Corner:

Confirmation classes will resume in September. As we have for the last several years, we will be having our Confirmation program with Faith Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran. ***There will be a Parent/Student meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10th at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. It is important that parents AND students attend.*** We will be going over the schedule for the year, expectations, behavior covenant, etc. Parents will be asked to sign up to help serve a light meal and clean up afterwards. Classes will begin the following week – 6:30-8:00pm, with a light meal served at 6 pm. This year's focus is on the Small Catechism. Later this month an email will be sent out to families.

Confirmation classes are for youth in grades 7-9. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending, please let Pastor Diane know.

Mark your calendars:

Sept.10, 6:30 p.m.: Parent-Student Confirmation meeting, at Faith (gr. 7-9)

Sept. 17, 8 p.m.: Youth Group (gr. 10-12), at OSLC

Sept. 26-28: Castaway Camp (Grades 6-9)



Back to School Luau



Wednesday, Aug. 20th, 5-7 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church, VC

Menu: BBQ Pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, watermelon, ice cream, & beverages.

(To go containers available)



Adults: \$10

Children (K-6): \$6

PreK & under: Free



This community event is a youth fundraiser of Faith Lutheran Church Ministries, and to celebrate the beginning of the school year!

Cake Walk for Everyone! (\$1/time)



Congratulations to TLC member, Max Magnuson, for being awarded the W.E. Erickson Scholarship for the Fall 2025 semester. Max

is a Business Administration major attending VCSU.

Wilhemenia Erickson is a former TLC member who left money from her estate to TLC to establish a scholarship fund in her name for students who are active members of TLC pursuing a college education and meeting defined eligibility requirements.



YMCA Summer Food Program

What: One week of FREE meals: 7 meal bags, 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches; no eligibility requirements.

For: All kids ages 18 yrs & younger

When: Tuesday, 10 —10:45 a.m. (last one is 8/12)

Where: VC Park (4th Ave. SW)

Meals do not need to be consumed on site. An adult may pick up the meals with prior approval. All meals meet standards established by the USDA.

Learn more: ymcanorthernsky.org/foodprograms



Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe Sunday, August 10th

10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Pancakes & Sausage

TLC Dining room (lower level)

Free-will offering proceeds benefit the orphans of Casa de Fe orphanage in Shell, Ecuador.



FREE Sack Lunches

@ Our Savior's Lutheran

Friday, August 15 (*last one!*)

11 a.m. until gone

Questions or want to help?

Call 845-1328 fore more info.

GRACE upon GRACE



Summary of the 2025 EaND Synod Assembly **June 7-8, 2025, Holiday Inn, Fargo ND**

On June 7-8, 2025, the Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA gathered together at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND for the thirty-eighth annual Synod Assembly under the theme of "Grace upon Grace." There were a total of 263 people in attendance (177 Lay Voting Members; 70 Rostered Minister Voting Members; 16 Visitors).

The business items included hearing reports from officers, adopting the Synod Mission Plan (budget), elections for Synod Secretary, Synod Treasurer, Synod Council and Synod Committees, and adopting the 2026 Compensation and Benefit Guidelines.

Participants also heard a State of the Synod from Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth and State of the ELCA from our churchwide representative, Rev. Tim Brown. Two keynote presentations were shared by Rev. Tim Brown, ELCA Director of Congregational Stewardship.

There were nine workshops offered for participants on a variety of topics. Rostered Ministers and Congregations celebrating significant anniversaries were acknowledged. The 2026 Synod Assembly will be held on June 5-7, 2026.

For more info, please visit the EaND synod website: <https://www.eandsynod.org/events/synod-assembly>



Open Door Center is seeking 70%-100% cotton t-shirts. They can be stained, ripped, etc. as they will be cut up to be used as rags. ODC has contracts across the state with ND DOT to provide them rags. Shirts can be dropped off @ Open Door Center of-fice (129 3rd Ave. NE) or ODC can pick them up. Call (701)845-1124, ext 115, for pick up.

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May 2025 TLC Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 5/01/25):	\$* 126,986.41
*(includes \$100,000 from Pross family)	
Income:	\$ 8,555.49
Expenses:	\$ 27,882.31
Transfer Out to CD & Savings	\$ 100,000.00
Ending Balance (as of 5/31/25):	\$ 7,659.59
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 10,954.34
Adjusted Balance:	\$ (-3,294.75)

June 2025 TLC Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 6/01/25):	\$ 7,659.59
Income:	\$ 8,373.60
Transfer from Annuity	\$ 43,887.18
Transfer from Erickson Scholarship	\$ 3,000.00
Expenses:	\$ 11,498.37
College Scholarship to VCSU	\$ 3,000.00
Ending Balance (as of 6/30/25):	\$ 47,414.00
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 11,516.18
Outstanding Deposits	\$ 1,008.00
Adjusted Balance:	\$**36,905.82

(**Includes Annuity Transfer)

June 2025 Worship Attendance @ TLC:

1st: 39	22nd: 34
8th: 36	29th: 32
15th: 36	

July 2025 Worship Attendance @ TLC:

6th: 32	13th: 37	20th: 40	27th: 32
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Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. This could be a little girl in the ICU or a mother with Stage 3 leukemia.

If you're worried about needles, don't be—most blood donors compare the experience to a mild, split-second pinch! The entire process is very safe and very fast, and you will feel amazing knowing you potentially saved up to 3 people.

Upcoming VC area blood drives:

Thursday, Sept. 11th: 1:30-6 p.m. @ St. Catherine's Catholic Church

Tues., Oct. 7th & Wed. Oct. 8th: 11:30 a.m.– 6 p.m. @ Stoudt Ross Ford Showroom

To schedule an appointment online, go to: <https://donors.vitalant.org>
To schedule by phone, call: (877) 258-4825

HIGHLIGHTS OF TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 10, 2025

Members present: Gary Botner, Kathy Hoefs, Diane Kracht, Brenda Laub, Robert Nelson, Glen Torgerson, Kim Wittenberg, Kaneia Kinney (Treas). Absent: Pastor Diane

President Diane Kracht called the meeting to order and led devotions. A thank you note was received from Amy Anderson for the recognition and gift card for Musician Appreciation Sunday.

The agenda and previous council minutes were approved, and the treasurer's report was received. Kaneia and Diane explained that there was a timing issue with cash flow stemming from delays at the bank with an Annuity – which have been resolved. There will be expenses upcoming for supply pastors in Pr. Diane's absence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education/Youth (Diane): Endowment will pay 1/3 of the total cost of the Joint VBS program. Christian Ed. will donate \$500 to Faith Lutheran to help offset the cost of youth programs they host. (Faith graciously invites our children and youth to their events.) Christian Ed. will be discussing options regarding Sunday School at their next meeting. Next meeting: 7/31 & 8/12.

Endowment (Glen): Endowment will cover the cost for Trinity members attending Red Willow Bible Camp & Castaway Retreat and Trinity's share of VBS costs. Next meeting: 9/21 after church.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship (Brenda): A Block Party to express our gratitude to Trinity's neighbors will be on July 23, 5pm-7:30pm. A Thrivent Action Team Card is being used to help cover costs. We will have hamburgers and Bumpas Ice Cream. A tentative date of October 5th has been set for a Mystery Theater (similar to last year's). Next Meeting: TBA.

Worship (Kathy): Christmas in July service will be on July 20. Diane Kracht has arranged coverage for Pastor Diane's absence. Next Meeting: August 7th at 1pm.

WomenELCA (Kim): no report this month.

Property (Gary & Robert): A leak in the parsonage washing machine drainage pipe is being worked on. Considering tearing off the back deck at the parsonage (south side). The parsonage & church air conditioners were checked and cleaned as needed. The radiant heat line is leaking in the church elevator's mechanical room and needs to be fixed. The elevator call button system update has been completed. Still looking into church sidewalk repair – it is a small job and hard to get someone to commit to doing it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church computers have been ordered. The new Clavinova is here! Donations from Coffee Hour will go towards the Sidewalk Project.

NEW BUISNESS:

For his Eagle Scout Project, Kellen Westman offered to do the following at the church: repaint the west sign and add our current mission statement; weed and add mulch to the plant beds; and paint the education unit's upstairs and the stairways. A \$250 Thrivent Action Team card will be used to help with the expenses. The council gave its unanimous consent for these project items and thanks Kellen for his work.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30pm.

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ELCA Churchwide Assembly News

The 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly was July 28–Aug. 2, 2025, at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Ariz. This year's theme was "For the life of the world."

Similar to the annual meeting of a congregation or the synod assembly, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members: hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units; receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies; elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws; establish ELCA churchwide policy; worship together; adopt a budget; and conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.



Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton began by emphasizing the same four points she made when she was elected twelve years ago: We are Church. We are Lutheran. We are Church together. We are Church for the sake of the world. She gave a powerful and thought-provoking address. Following Bishop Eaton's report, the Assembly recognized her for her many years of service and she was presented with the Servus Dei award with her family and close friends on stage with her. She has served two terms as presiding bishop from 2013-2025.



One of the highlights of the assembly was the election of the Rev. Yehiel Curry to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Rev. Curry is the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA. He has served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. He previously served as a mission developer and congregational pastor. He will be installed as the presiding bishop of the ELCA in October.

The assembly introduced and adopted the social statement titled, "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All", which addresses civic engagement and responsibilities of Christians in public life. This statement was adopted with amendments.

Several memorials were approved, including those addressing the Indian Boarding School Remembrance and the Stand of Palestinian Rights and End to Occupation of Palestine. The assembly also discussed amendments to the church's governing documents and the Common Statement on the Filioque, marking a significant moment in ecumenical relations. This resolution was made possible through many years of dialogue between the ELCA and the Orthodox Churches.

The assembly engaged in discussions about dismantling racism and the church's identity, purpose, and structure, reflecting a commitment to social justice and inclusivity. The assembly concluded with a service of Holy Communion and a final plenary session, where members reflected on the work accomplished and a path forward for the ELCA.

These highlights showcase the assembly's focus on leadership transitions, social justice, and the church's mission in contemporary society. For more information, visit elca.org.

