



# 2025



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*"Love God. Love Others."*

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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:

Rev. Diane Krumm

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## Office Staff:

Rochelle Triebold

Hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., T-Th

Closed on Mondays & Fridays during summer.

## Treasurer/Expenses:

Kaneia Kinney

## Offerings Secretary:

Diane Kracht

## Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

# Trinity Tidings



*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...*

Acts 2:4

"Happy Birthday!" Wait, whose birthday is it? Some describe the Day of Pentecost as the "Birthday of the church." On the 50th day after

Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' first disciples in wind and flame. The Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak in other languages so everyone who was in Jerusalem that day – no matter what their native tongue was – could clearly hear that Jesus Christ is alive and that, through Jesus, we are given new life. The Day of Pentecost marks the beginning of the followers of Jesus being called to spread the good news to the ends of the earth. The church was born. Since then, every Christian is called be part of the body of Christ in the world. We put flesh and blood on the presence of Jesus. As the song says, "We are the church."

So... "Happy Birthday" to all (past, presence, and future) who have been part of sharing God's love in the world. Like a birthday party with a theme, there are certain things that help us celebrate the church's birthday. One of the most common things is to **wear red on Pentecost Sunday**. Red represents the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples as tongues of fire resting on their heads. However, in places such as Britain and Ireland, white is worn to represent the Holy Spirit as a dove (as it did in Jesus' baptism). There are also other traditions associated with Pentecost – such as scattering rose petals to represent the tongues of fire (Italy) and blowing trumpets as the sound of rushing wind (France).

Perhaps you have your own creative way to celebrate that our God comes to us again and again with gifts that help us be who God created us to be. As a congregation, **lets come on June 8th with red on** as the Holy Spirit works to set our hearts on fire to share the love of God.

In Christ,  
Pastor Diane

(By the way, the Day of Pentecost is the 7th Sunday after Easter Sunday. The date for Easter Sunday changes and falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21). The earliest date for Easter Sunday is March 22, and the latest is April 25. "Pentecost" means "fiftieth" in Greek. In Bible times, people counted the day of as the first day. So, 7 weeks (49 days for us) was considered the 50th day. The earliest Pentecost can be is May 10, the latest June 13. The next time Easter and Pentecost Sundays fall on their earliest dates is 2285. I don't expect any of us to see that in our lifetimes. However, if you want to experience the latest possible Sundays, just hang in there until 2038.)



### **In our Thoughts & Prayers:**

Michelle (Hoefs) Carlblom, Brenda Malo (Linda Westby's sis), Laurie Nelson (Rob & Dee Nelson's daughter; neck surgery), Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband), Sheila Miller (Jennifer Bacher's friend), Marleen Pytlik, Frances Yokom, Carol (Hoff) Crandall, Nicole Wieser, Chad Henningsgard, Gabriella Morical (Kathy Hoefs granddaughter), Jenny Morical (Kathy Hoefs daughter), Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; EaND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth/ELCA Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton; Peace



Beginning first full week in June, office hours will switch to "summer mode" which are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday.

As always, if you have a pastoral emergency outside of these hours, please call the church cell: 840-7548.



### **Eastern North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

Thank you to Jeanne Wobbema, Linda Anderson, and Pr. Diane for their willingness to serve as Trinity Lutheran's voting members to this year's Synod Assembly. Assembly will be June 7 & 8, in Fargo. This year's theme will be "Grace Upon Grace". To participate in the assembly, watch the livestream on the synod's Facebook page.

### **April 2025 TLC Financial:**

Beginning Balance (as of 4/01/25):	\$ 19,527.75
Income:	\$123,090.74
Expenses:	\$ 15,632.08
Ending Balance (as of 4/30/25):	\$126,986.41
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 15,541.50
Pross money into CD	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
Adjusted Balance:	\$ 11,444.91

### **May 2025 Worship Attendance @ TLC:**

4th: 57      11th: 54      18th: 35      25th: 44

### **May 2025 Memorials**

#### **General Fund**

In memory of **Brian Healey**

(Brian & Karen Enge's son-in-law)

Given by Roger & Rochelle Triebold family

#### **Casa de Fe Fund**

In memory of **Robert McLauchlin**

(Patricia Beil's great-nephew)

Given by Patricia Beil



### ***Blessing of the Quilts on May 4th***

On May 4th, we blessed quilts that TLC Quilters created all year to be shipped out to those in need all over the world. Each quilt costs \$2.80 to be shipped, and we collected \$200 though a free-will offering that day to help offset those shipping costs. Of the 90 quilts created throughout the year, 58 were dedicated to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), 3 were given to Abused Persons Outreach Center (APOC), 3 were given to Social Services, and the remaining were given to various silent auction fundraisers or were sold to pay for batting supplies.

### ***THEY GOT A STASH***

A person who was down-sizing donated over two car loads of fabric and batting. Anyone who would like to help with this abundance by sewing or tying quilts, please contact Sue Martin. Don't worry there is no sewing experience or ability needed to tie.

### ***Rummage Sale for Casa de Fe: Aug. 15 & 16***

Time to be determined (*stay tuned!*)

With spring clean up, consider donating gently used items for Casa de Fe Mission team's rummage sale in August. Items can be left in the room labeled "Rummage Sale" in the lower level of TLC. Items **not** accepted are: adult clothing, large/small appliances, TVs, & computers. If you have furniture to donate, call the TLC office to view/accept for sale.





## ***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



From May 18 to June 22, @ TLC, we will be collecting **PERSONAL CARE KIT items** for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). These kits help families when disaster strikes. Our goal is to collect enough items to make 60 kits. Items needed are:

- Bath towels** (full size, dark colors)
- Toothbrushes** (adult size)
- Bars of soap** (full size)
- Nail clippers** (fingernail or toenail)
- Hair combs**

### ***STARTING IN JULY ...***

From July 1 to 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 have sales on back to school items beginning in July. 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**





# Celebrating our Graduates



On Sunday, May 4th, we recognized our TLC members graduating from high school or college. In attendance that day were (pictured left to right): college grads, Peyton (VCSU) & Madison Zaun (VCSU); VCHS grads Tessa Kinney, Sean Buck, and Teagan Zaun; Pr. Diane in the foreground giving the blessing to them. Not pictured are: Paige Lindgren & Payton Lindgren (VCHS), Jalynn Anderson (VCSU), & Jenna Lindgren (Dakota College Bottineau). We thank God for the gifts He has given each of them, and wish for them a future that's filled with purpose, faith, & joy!



Our last day of Sunday School for the year was May 4th and it was a beautiful day – just right for ice cream!

Students did a scavenger hunt for Easter colors, played games, and congratulated the graduates with their artistic use of sidewalk chalk.

Special thanks to our Sunday School leaders: Patty Beil, Diane Kracht, Rebecca Westman, & Pastor Diane and Linda Anderson (sub). And thank you to Bruce, Amy, and Jason for coming by with Bumpa's Ice Cream Trailer.



VBS will be June 3-5, 12:30-5pm, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for children going into grades K-6th. Our theme is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Set as an imaginary adventure to Alaska, we will learn that Jesus is our true north – our reliable guide and loving friend. If you would like to help out with VBS, please contact Rebecca Westman, Wendi Wilmes, or Pr. Diane.



Thank you to everyone who participated or walked in the 45th Annual Crop Hunger Walk held on May 7th. There was a total of 110 kids/adults and 7 dogs who walked! Trinity had a booth where walkers could learn that 35% of the world's population does not have access to a sanitary sewer system, even a latrine!



## 2025 Bible Camp

Register for a summer full of fun, friends, and faith in the midst of the beautiful and unplugged space of camp (located near Binford, ND).

This summer's theme is "God With Us", where we'll explore that God is with us in every moment & season of life. Through engaging Bible stories, hands on activities, campfire & worship, we'll discover how God's presence surrounds us in every experience.

Through TLC's Endowment fund, TLC youth can attend for FREE! Contact the TLC office to get the camper scholarship code. To see a full list of available camps and to register online, go to: [www.rwm.campbrainregistration.com](http://www.rwm.campbrainregistration.com)

## Confirmation Corner: June/July 2025

Confirmation classes are on break for the summer. They will resume in September. More info will be available in August.



Students who have not completed expectations for this school year (e.g. worship notes and leadership activities) are to finish those as soon as possible. Tentative date for Confirmation Sunday is October 26, 2025.

BIG THANK YOU! to Rebecca Westman for being an adult leader, to parents for their support, and to students for their participation.



Thanks to the generosity of Harold & Jan Pross, we were able to purchase a new digital clavichord. Our former clavichord was over 15 years old and declining in recording & playback capabilities, so this will be a nice improvement!

If you would like to purchase our former clavichord, please make an offer to our Church Council by June 15. It is a digital Yamaha Clavinova CVP-503; dimensions are: 55.5" wide x 22.5" depth x 34.5" height; and it comes on a dolly with wheels. Currently, it is in the office hallway if you'd like to look at it. It weighs almost 150 lbs and buyer is responsible for lifting & moving it. It still plays beautifully, although there are issues with recording and playback, and over the years the quality of some of the "instrumental tones" has decreased.



**FREE Sack Lunches**  
@ Our Savior's Lutheran  
Fridays, May 30 to August 15  
11 a.m. until gone  
*Questions or want to help?*  
*Call 845-1328 for more info.*



### 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:** Tuesdays, 10 a.m.—10:45 a.m. (6/10 - 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](http://ymcanorthernsky.org/foodprograms)



**Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe**  
**Sun., June 8th** (*biscuits & gravy*)  
**& Sun., July 13th; TLC Dining room**  
**10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

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



Open Door Center is seeking 70%-100% cotton t-shirts. They can be stained, ripped, etc. as they 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 office (129 3rd Ave. NE) or ODC can pick them up. Call (701)845-1124, ext 115, for pick up.



**Neighborhood Block Party**  
**Wednesday, July 23**  
**5-7:30 p.m.**  
**TLC Courtyard**

(in case of inclement weather, this event will be held inside the church)

TLC members and our surrounding neighbors are invited for fellowship & delicious food — hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, & ice cream treats from Bumpa's Ice Cream!  
Yard games for the kids too!

This event is FREE and hosted by TLC Outreach/Stewardship Committee



This summer on Wednesday evenings from June 4th to Aug. 6th, the Bridges Backpack program & Hi-Liner Pantry will provide summer food assistance in the form of a summer grocery store at VCHS. **Groceries will be provided free to all students/families needing them.**

Thank you to TLC members Diane Kracht, Linda Westby & Linda Anderson who are helping by working at the store and unpacking food items onto shelves.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make check payable to Bridges Backpack program, & mail to: Bridges Backpack Program, 674 10th Ave. SW, Valley City, ND 58072.



St. Raphael would love to have you as a volunteer! And here are 10 great reasons why:

- You'll be a hero! Residents love volunteers to come see them & you get treated like royalty!
- Thinking of a new career? Come volunteer and see if working with elders is something you'd love to do.
- Feeling lonely? St. Raphael is like a small town...we've got nearly 170 residents and a bunch of staff that make this place like its own small town. You'll find everyone gets to know your name and is so happy to see you come!
- It puts your problems into perspective.
- You can benefit from the experience of others.
- You'll fall in love with a new elder every week!
- Death won't seem so scary after a while, but rather a natural and expected passage.
- You'll get to hear living history every day!
- You can come as often as you want...once a year, once a month, once a week or every day...we'd love to see you as often as you'd like to join us.
- As you are referring to the "nice looking 86-year old lady" and the "handsome new guy on the 2nd floor", you'll realize you don't look so bad either!

If you have a talent to share, love to have coffee and visit, play cards and games, do puzzles, take walks outside, or enjoy taking trips fishing or on outings with others, we'd love to have you! If you play an instrument, set ladies' hair, can transport residents to activities, share scripture and pray with others, do a planting project, or are good at woodworking, you'd be a great fit with us! If you enjoy helping with tasks like filling water pitches, writing letters for residents, ride with others to an appointment, or just sit and hold someone's hand...please call me today to fill out a Volunteer Application for St. Raphael. We also have applications on our website. Thank you so much!



Angela M. Hansen, MT-BC/L  
Activity Coordinator  
SMP Health - St. Raphael  
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**Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month** is observed in June as an opportunity to spread the word about and discuss Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Throughout the month, the Alzheimer's Association encourages people around the globe to support the movement by: **wearing purple** (June 1-30), **sharing your story** or stories of those you love affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias, and **taking action** (participating in a walk or giving a monetary donation).

Healthy lifestyle behaviors, such as physical activities, social engagement, and mental stimulation, can help reduce the risk of cognitive decline. For more information & resources, visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).



**Peggy Lee Day in Valley City**  
Friday, June 20th  
VCSU Fine Arts Center  
7 p.m. program  
FREE to the public!

Please bring food items for the Barnes County Food Pantry.



**June 13-14**

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**309 4th Street NE**

**Friday 9 - 5**  
**Saturday 9 - 3**

**Cash or Checks Accepted**

Scan for more details!



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