



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
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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**

9-9:45 a.m.

### **Bible Study**

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

@ TLC (library);

meets @ Bridgeview Est. on  
second Tuesdays of month.

### **Pastor:**

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### **Custodians:**

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

# Trinity Tidings



*Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is among you."*

*Luke 17:21*

In Luke 17, while Jesus was heading to Jerusalem where he would be killed and then raised from the dead, some Pharisees asked him when the kingdom of God was coming. They might have been asking when God was going to kick out the Romans and restore the nation of Israel. But Jesus responded by saying that it was already with them. They were missing the point if they thought that God's kingdom was a place on a map or a far-off dream.

The second and third petitions (requests) of the Lord's Prayer are "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Martin Luther explained that God's Kingdom comes whenever God gives us the Holy Spirit so that we believe in God and live in God's ways. And God's Will is done whenever God destroys or hinders evil and whenever God strengthens us and keeps us faithful to what God wants of us. Luther describes God's Kingdom as something that happens – it is about what God is doing in the world now. It is not an area on the earth, and it is not only experienced after we die and are in heaven.

When we think of it as Luther described, how strange for the Pharisees to ask Jesus when God's Kingdom was coming? Jesus was bringing, embodying, doing the Kingdom of God right before their eyes. They just didn't see it.

With these petitions, we are asking God to give us the eyes of faith to see Jesus is with us and to give us what we need so that we can be part of what God is doing. If all people were to stop praying for God's Kingdom and God's Will, God would not be turned off and shelved like an unused device. Instead, we pray to ask God to rule in our hearts and in our lives.

Maybe another way to think about it is that we are part of a sports team. Our team is so far ahead that we will win the game, but the game does need to be played to the end. We are asking our coach if we can go out there and play hard too. We don't want to be spectators. We want to be out there, playing with our teammates and following our coach's instructions.

The Kingdom of God is among us in Jesus. May we pray and ask to be part of what God wants for us and the world.

In Christ,  
Pastor Diane



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

Fam/Friends of: Janelle Ladbury (Randy & Karen Ladbury's daughter-in-law; died 10/25; cancer), Marvin Olson (10/25 funeral @ Lerud Mathias ), Dave Thune (Gayle Hoff's son-in-law; cancer), Inez Leigman (Kevin Kamphuis' mom); Karen Magnuson, Clarice Heckman, Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband), Sheila Miller (cancer; Jennifer Bacher's friend), Nicole Wieser, Jenny Morical (neck surgery) , Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; Eastern ND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth/ELCA Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry; Peace

### **October 2025 Memorials**

#### **General Fund**

In memory of **Corinne Wenzel**

Given by Bernard & Edna Elsner



### **Barnes County Ministerial Community Thanksgiving service**

**4 p.m. Sunday, November 23rd**

### **Congregational United Church of Valley City**

In Kind Offering: Socks for Abused Persons Outreach  
Free Meal following the service, featuring local garden produce



### **Bucks \$\$\$ for Bus rides!**

Trinity's Outreach, Stewardship, and Global Missions Committee is organizing a donation drive to purchase transit bus tickets for the clients of Abused Person Outreach Center (APOC). APOC has indicated that bus tickets are especially needed during the winter months. It is challenging to walk in the cold, and tickets can go quickly. For example, a trip to the grocery store for a mother and two children requires six tickets.

Throughout December, a "bus tree" will be displayed in the gathering area. To participate, take a paper bus from the tree, attach your donation, and place it in the offering plate. Each book of 10 tickets costs \$20, but all contributions are welcome. We will use the donations to purchase as many ticket books as possible.

Thank you for being part of helping APOC clients move forward with their lives.



### **"FOR ALL THE SAINTS..."**



We will remember, by name and lighting a candle, those Trinity "Saints" & others who "have died and gone before us" since last All Saints Day, as we gather for Worship at 10 a.m. on **All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2.**

Join us as we continue to thank GOD for:

*LeRoy Christensen, Harold Pross, Steven Olufson, Ethel Heckman, Frances Yokom, JoAnn Heckman, Shirley Hoff, Amber Weller, Shirley Koslofsky, Sarah Olson Wendel, Marvin Olson*

... and other family members and friends you "name" and continue to hold in your hearts.

As part of the service, you will be invited to light a candle in memory of your loved ones. Pr. Diane will give instructions at that time. We give thanks to God for all the people who have been important parts of our lives and now rest with God forever.



### **Special Offering for Community Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

Each November, Faith, Our Savior's, & Trinity Lutheran Churches work together to provide baskets of food for local households in need. These baskets are filled with items to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Each basket costs around \$55 and includes a turkey, potatoes, vegetables, pie and more. Please write checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church, and put "Community Thanksgiving Baskets" in the memo line. You may drop off your monetary donation to TLC by Wed., Nov. 5. Thank you for brightening local families holidays. And....

***If you are in need of a Thanksgiving Food Basket, call Faith Lutheran Church @ 845-4390, between Nov. 3-14. All calls are confidential.***



Baskets should be picked up from Faith Lutheran on Friday, November 21 between 5:30-6:30pm. You will receive a letter in the mail that you need to bring with you when you pick up your basket. If delivery is needed you must be home on November 21 between 5:00-6:30pm!



### **TLC Sunday School**

We are continuing our focus on Bible stories from the New Testament. On October 26, we learned about Martin Luther and the Reformation – to reform means to make changes to improve.

We have also been working on memorizing the Apostles' Creed.

Mark your calendars for the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 7th during 10 a.m. Worship Service. We will begin practicing for the program in November. Amy Anderson will teach students how to use handbells and is planning two songs for the programs.



### **Youth Group Activities**

**Grades 4-6:** Kids Club @ Faith Lutheran on Wednesdays; 3:15-5 p.m. If your child needs a ride from school to the church, you will need to contact Wendi Wilmes (Faith Youth Coordinator; her email is: wendi.wilmes@gmail.com).

**Senior High:** Lunches are served on Fridays at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Adults who would like to help serve are asked to contact Pastor Diane.

Youth Group (Grades 10-12) meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. @ OSLC.



### **St. Catherine School 53rd Annual Auction**

Friday, Nov. 7 @ VC Eagles Club

5 p.m.: Silent Auction & Sale

6:30 p.m.: Live Auction

*All proceeds go to St. Catherine School*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be having their Annual Lefse -/Bake-/Quilt-/Treasure Sale on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, from 8:30 -11:30 a.m. Rolls & coffee will be served as you shop!



### **Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe**

**Sunday, November 9th: Scrambled eggs & Sausage**

**10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. @ TLC Dining room**

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

Non-perishable food items will also be accepted for the Barnes County Food Pantry, to help those affected by the government shutdown .

### **Confirmation Corner:**

**November—January 2025**

**Grades 7-9 classes held at  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**(use north door)**

**6:30-8 p.m.**

**(Light meal served at 6 p.m.)**



Thank you to all who donated nonperishable food items and helped the confirmation classes collect over 1,400 items for the Barnes County Food Pantry, on October 15.

There will be NO Class on Nov. 26th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday that week.



### **Great Plains Food Bank**

**Mobile Distribution**

**Thursday, Nov. 6th**

**1:30—3 p.m.**

**Parking lot of Epworth United Methodist Church, VC**

The Great Plains Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry provides fresh vegetables, fruits, shelf-stable items, meat, bakery items, boxed goods and much more to communities in need.

Items are distributed right off of our truck by our staff and volunteers and delivered directly to people in need. Distributions are set up as a drive-through where clients are able to stay in their cars and items are placed directly inside their vehicle.

***All in need of food assistance are welcome to come and receive food at no cost!*** A short intake form is filled out onsite; no pre-registration or referrals required.



The next gathering of the Sheyenne Valley Memory Café will take place on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at Faith Lutheran Church.

Stay tuned for more details about that session's program/seminar.



# Trinity Lutheran Church

## FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday, November 8th**

**499 4th Ave. NW, VC**

### Bake Sale:

**10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

*(Quilts & Cards also for sale!)*

### Luncheon hours:

**11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

### *Casserole Extravaganza!*

*Served with our famous Coleslaw  
& Dessert!*

**Tickets: \$10    Age 6 yrs & under: \$5**

**Lunch pickup &  
delivery available!**

**11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.**

**Call (701)845-3837**

**Hosted by  
Trinity Lutheran  
WELCA**

**Want to buy  
someone a  
lunch? Buy a  
GIFT  
COUPON!**



**Bake Sale items are needed** for TLC's Annual Fall Festival (11/08). If you're willing to donate breads, donuts, cookies, candies, jams/jellies, etc. please have your unmarked items packaged and to the church on Nov. 8, by 9 a.m. Also, we are still accepting gift baskets for the silent auction portion of the Festival.



As we make our ThankOfferings this month, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800's when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would take action. Gathering in groups called "cent" or "mite" societies, each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. On occasion, the women would come together as we do this month, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

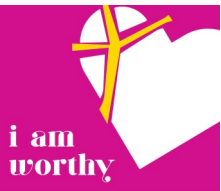
When Women of the ELCA was formed over 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, ThankOfferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA.

Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, **the women of Trinity invite ALL people to participate on Sunday, Nov. 16th, with offerings of Thankfulness.**

**ThankOffering envelopes will be distributed in the 11/09 & 11/16 bulletins, or you can pick one up at the TLC office. If you prefer to give online, go to: <https://community.elca.org/welca>.** These monies will be sent to Church-wide to support the ministries of WELCA.



Come deck the church with Advent/Christmas décor on Sunday, Nov. 23rd after 10 a.m. Worship. Any amount of time you are able to help is much appreciated!



**2026 Women of the ELCA  
Triennial Gathering  
July 16-19, 2026  
Des Moines, IA**

Trinity Lutheran Women of the ELCA will be fundraising for the upcoming Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa (July 2026). These funds will help defray the cost of TLC women attending. If you'd like info, there are brochures on the back table in the sanctuary, or see Jeanne Wobbema.



## **Highlights of Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting, October 14, 2025:**

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

Thank you notes were shared from Adeline Anderson for her 3rd grade Bible and from Pastor Diane for Appreciation Sunday and gifts.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Christian Education/Youth** – Diane: Sunday School, Confirmation, Faith Kids Club, OSLC Youth Group, and Senior High Lunches are in full swing. Trinity’s Sunday School Christmas Program will be during worship service on December 7, 2025. Next Meeting – Thursday, January 8th at 4:45p.m.

**Endowment** – Glen: Endowment voted in March to distribute funds for Trinity’s share of VBS, campership to Red Willow, Castaway Registration, WELCA Bus tickets to Spring Gathering. At the September meeting, Endowment voted to distribute the rest of 2025 funds as follows: General Fund-\$1,000; Grief Book-\$70; LWR Shipping Donation-\$200; with the remaining (approx. \$4,000) divided equally between Barnes County Food Pantry, VCPS Lunch Program, APOC, and Salvation Army. (Additional requests submitted before November 30th will also be considered.) Secretary Nicole Olson has resigned. A person to fill out her term will need to be elected at the annual meeting. Next meeting: March 22, 2025, following worship service.

**Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship** – Brenda: “Evil Never Dies” Murder Mystery Theater on Oct 5th went well and raised \$680 to offset costs for Trinity members to attend the WELCA Triennial Convention in July 2026. Thank you to everyone who participated. A collection will be taken on November 2nd for the Community Thanksgiving Baskets. Christmas Treat Bags will be made for the Open Door folks. Plans are in the works for a Christmas Tree for APOC. Next meeting: Jan. 15th, 5 p.m.

**Worship** – Kathy: On All Saints Sunday (November 2), candles will be placed on the altar in memory of those whose funerals were with Trinity since last All Saints Day. Members will also be invited to light additional candles in memory of other loved ones. We discussed the liturgy setting, Advent, and Christmas. Next Meeting: January 8th at 1 p.m.

**Women (WELCA)** – Kim: WELCA is preparing for the Fall Festival. (See info in newsletter)

**Property** – Gary/Robert – Church Sidewalk: a bid from Tony Gille was accepted with plans to repair the sidewalk in the spring. The outside church sanctuary windows were cleaned, and the church yard bushes trimmed. Working on having church shingles fixed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The council is looking into options for snow removal.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trinity received \$57,000 from Jeanne Anderson’s Estate. The council is looking into options for investing these funds.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord’s Prayer. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

#### **September 2025 TLC Financial:**

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Beginning Balance (as of 9/01/25): | \$ 31,851.37   |
| Income:                            | \$ 16,508.75   |
| Expenses:                          | \$ (15,393.00) |
| Ending Balance (as of 9/30/25):    | \$ 32,967.12   |
| Outstanding Checks:                | \$ 8,741.54    |
| Adjusted Balance:                  | \$ 24,225.58   |

#### **October 2025 Worship Attendance:**

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| 5th:  | 32 |
| 12th: | 38 |
| 19th: | 47 |
| 26th: | 45 |