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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:

Rev. Diane Krumm
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 Hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., M-Th
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Kaneaia Kinney

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Diane Kracht

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Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity Tidings



From the Pastor's Desk
 When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Romans 8:15b-16

I love to put peanut butter and chicken noodle soup together. Why??? When I was in fourth grade, our elementary school learned about food from other countries. Each classroom prepared a dish, and we sampled one another's. My classroom made a chicken, rice, and peanut dish from somewhere on the other side of the world. My classmates and I helped in the preparation, and our teacher managed to pull it all together and cook it without any of us getting burned or permanently damaged. The best part – it tasted amazing. That's when I started putting peanut butter in my chicken noodle soup.

Nowadays when I say I like those two things together, I get skeptical responses. But online you can find recipes with chicken and peanuts (or peanut butter). It really is a thing.

The Lord's Prayer begins "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." This short sentence conveys a great deal about God and us. God is like a parent that loves, protects, and guides us. We are God's children, and sisters and brothers with one another. But God is not exactly like an earthly father. God is also holy. ("Hallowed" means "holy.") God is close to us and different from us. God brings together characteristics that we might not think of putting together.

I like the combo, because I do want a God who has the power to defeat sin and death AND who can relate to our skinned knees and broken hearts. I want a God who creates the cosmos and is mindful of the sparrows. I want a God who can hold us when we cry and is working to bring an end to mourning, crying, pain, and death. We need God to be the God revealed to us in Jesus and through the Holy Spirit.

Each time we pray our Lord's Prayer, we are witnessing to and reminding ourselves that God is all this and so much more – and that God takes each one of us just as we are – confusing (hot) messes of saints and sinners; fragile and beautiful; already and not-yet the ones God created us to be.

Children of God – brother and sister in Christ – blessings be upon your praying and living.

Pastor Diane



In our Thoughts & Prayers:

Fam/Friends of: Shirley Koslofsky (died 9/03), Amber Weller (died 9/01), Sarah Wendel (died 9/21); Karen Magnuson, Clarice Heckman (infection), Michelle Carlblom, Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband), Sheila Miller (cancer; Jennifer Bacher's friend), Nicole Wieser, Jenny Morical, Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; Eastern ND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth/ELCA Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry; Peace

September 2025 Memorials

General Fund

In memory of ***Shirley Koslofsky***

Given by Craig & Lori Sheets, Bruce & Diane Kracht, Randy & Naomi Schlecht, Dennis & Sharon Anundson

Christian Education

In memory of ***Shirley Koslofsky***

Given by Kevin & Elsa Kamphuis, Sue Martin

Altar Guild

In memory of ***Shirley Koslofsky***

Given by Jerry & Julie Yokom

Quilters

In memory of ***Shirley Koslofsky***

Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of ***Ethel Heckman***

Given by Carol Winter Bjorge

In memory of ***Karlene Frank***

Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

WELCA

In memory of ***Joie Heckman***

Given by Carol Winter Bjorge

August 2025 TLC Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 8/01/25):	\$* 40,807.02
Income:	\$ 13,071.42
Expenses:	\$ 22,027.07
Ending Balance (as of 8/31/25):	\$ 31,851.37
Outstanding Deposits:	\$ 2,365.65
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 8,128.10
Adjusted Balance:	\$* 26,088.92

*(includes \$43,887.18 Annuity Deposits from June)

September 2025 Worship Attendance @ TLC:

7th: 51	21st: 39
14th: 56	28th: 46



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We appreciate Pr. Diane's faithful leadership & service! Please join us in honoring Pr. Diane on Sunday, **October 12th**, during Worship & for treats in dining room afterwards.



HIA (Health in Action) Hospice invites you to

Heartstrings:

A Remembrance Service

Thursday, Oct. 9th, , 2-3:30 pm

@ HIA Office (1240 W. Main St., VC)

Join us for a special hands-on grief workshop and remembrance ceremony. During the class, you will have the opportunity to create a personalized holiday ornament using individually chosen fabric and embellishments to honor your loved ones. This event is free & open to the public, but registration is required as space is limited. Please call 1-800-237-4629 to register. Register by Oct. 5th.



Widow's Retreat

October 10-12, 2025

@ Maryvale Retreat Center, VC

Hosted by Jamestown Area Grief Support Team

This retreat is an opportunity for any woman who has experienced the death of her husband, whether recently or in the past, to explore and deal with her grief in a relaxing and supportive atmosphere.

For more information or to receive a brochure & registration form, please call/text Carol (701-320-3801). If leaving a voice mail, be sure to include your name & address.



Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe **Sunday, Oct. 12th**

10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

TLC Dining room (lower level)

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





TLC Sunday School

We started off this school year with Rally Sunday on September 14. Students met this year's teachers and helpers; hunted for pieces to put together a puzzle that said "God loves you to pieces;" assembled Lutheran World Relief School Kits; and did a little singing with Amy. During worship, students helped with a litany celebrating the stories of the Bible; Adeline Anderson and Averie Hartsell received their Bibles; and students helped bless LWR school kits.

A BIG thank you to our teachers and helpers: Patty Beil, Michelle Carlblom, Kathy Hoefs, Judy Johnson Berg, Diane Kracht, Bentley Wieser, Chloe Wieser, Jeanne Wobbema, Kim Wittenberg, and Pastor Diane.

Trinity has 9 students from age 5 through grade 6 registered. Sunday School is from 9:00-9:45 a.m. on most Sundays. Everyone is welcome.

Mark your calendars for the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 7th during 10 a.m. Worship Service.



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).

Junior High: Four youth and one adult went to Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes on September 26-28.

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 8pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to recognize victims and raise awareness about the impact of domestic violence.

We can show our support by wearing purple on October 23rd (Purple Thursday). We can all be part of the effort to end domestic violence, and we can let survivors know that they are not alone.



Confirmation Corner: October 2025

Confirmation classes have resumed with this year's focus on the Small Catechism. Trinity has 10 students attending (gr. 7-9). A BIG thank you to Rebecca Westman for being one of the adult leaders. Classes are currently at Faith Lutheran – with a light lunch served at 6pm and classes from 6:30-8pm.



On October 15th during class time, students will be going door to door collecting non-perishable items for local food pantries. Parents, please encourage your youth to wear clothes appropriate for the weather and walking. The students hope to stop at as many homes as possible. If they did not stop at your home or you weren't when they came by, please drop off your donation at Trinity Lutheran's office by 1pm on October 16. Thank you for your support.



***Sept. 14, 2025
3rd grade Bible Presentation
&
Rally Sunday***



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!**

BLOOD DRIVE

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. Your single blood donation has the potential to save up to 3 lives!

Upcoming VC area blood drives:

- Tues., Oct. 7th & Wed. Oct. 8th:
11:30 a.m.– 6 p.m. @ Stoudt Ross Ford Showroom
- Thurs., Oct. 30th: 9 a.m.—2:45 p.m. @ VCSU
Skoal Room

To schedule an appointment online, go to:
<https://donors.vitalant.org>



**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.

**Faith Lutheran's Annual
Fall Festival, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
Saturday, October 11th
Faith Lutheran Church, VC**



Craft-/Bake-/Quilt Sale, Gift Baskets, Candies, Homemade Lefse. Youth will be serving a free-will offering homemade lunch-to-go (Barbeque, chips, & bar)!



**Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser
Monday, Oct. 6, 2025: 5-7 pm
Valley City Eagles Club
Free-will offering**

Donations will be used for client services at
Abused Persons Outreach Center

Crisis Intervention, Advocacy, Support,
Counseling, Prevention. Confidential
Services for domestic violence & sexual
assault survivors.

**24-Hour
Crisis Hotline:
701-845-0072**

Sponsored by VC Eagles #2192 Gaming



The Sheyenne Valley Memory Café will meet on Thursday, Oct. 23rd, at Faith Lutheran Church. Doors open at 1 p.m. with a program beginning at 1:30 p.m. The program for September will be "Fire Prevention & Safety."

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

Highlights of Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting, September 16, 2025:

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

President Diane Kracht called the meeting to order, and Pastor Diane led devotions. Thank you notes were read from Computer Express thanking Trinity for the business and from Max Magnuson for receiving the W. Erickson Scholarship. The agenda and previous council minutes were approved, and the treasurer's report was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Sunday School began with Rally Sunday, September 14. Students helped with worship and assembling school kits. We have 9 students registered from age 5 through grade 6. Parent-Student Confirmation meeting was held on Sept 10; classes begin Sept 17. Trinity has 10 students for grades 7-9. Senior High Youth Group at OSLC resumes Sept 17th for Grades 10-12. Senior High Lunches at OSLC are on Fridays. Faith Kids Club (Grades 4-6) has resumed. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 7th at 4:45pm.

Endowment – Glen: Next meeting: September 21st after church. It was suggested that a proposal be made to Endowment to help defray the balance of Kellen's project expenses. We don't know the amount at this time.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: We passed the goal of 80 school kits in celebration of Lutheran World Relief's 80th Anniversary – 84 were assembled on Sept 14. Thank you to everyone who helped. "Evil Never Dies" Murder Mystery Theater with dessert (furnished by WELCA) is scheduled for Oct 5th at 2 p.m. Proceeds will go to WELCA to offset costs for Trinity members attending the WELCA Triennial Convention in July 2026.

Worship – Kathy: Next Meeting: Thursday, October 9th at 1 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim – WELCA is raising funds for the WELCA Triennial Gathering in July of 2026, in Des Moines. They are also working on the Fall Festival; the menu for the Murder Mystery Theater; and updating the work groups.

Property – Gary & Robert: We are looking into bids for the church sidewalk repair. The gutters at the parsonage were cleaned. The windows in the church bell tower were caulked. Hoping to clean the outside of the church sanctuary windows soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Coffee Hour donations will go to Christian Ed/Youth when the confirmation students serve; WELCA when WELCA serves; and on other Sundays, to the sidewalk repair project. Robert is looking into options for snow removal.

NEW BUSINESS:

In preparation of the annual election period, the council voted to select the same type of health insurance plan as they have in the past for its pastors.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30pm.

Members of the E.L.C.A.: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Trinity's Mission "Love God...Love Others"



Yehiel Curry to Be Installed as ELCA Presiding Bishop

CHICAGO (Sept. 26, 2025) — The Rev. Yehiel Curry will be installed as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. Central time at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. Curry will be the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preside at the installation and present Curry with the pectoral cross, the common symbol of the office of bishop in the ELCA.

The Rev. Kevin Vandiver, senior pastor of Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C., will deliver the sermon. Members of the ELCA Conference of Bishops and other invited leaders will participate in the processional.

In celebration of the ELCA's many partnerships, several ecumenical, interreligious and global partner representatives are invited, including the Rev. Henrik Stubkjaer, president of the Lutheran World Federation; the Most Rev. Sean Rowe, presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church; the Rev. Jihyun Oh, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and the Rev. Larry Kochendorfer, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Music leadership for the worship service includes the National Lutheran Choir and musicians from St. Olaf College and the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod.

The installation is a public worship service, open to all who wish to attend. The service will also be available via livestream.

Curry was elected to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop on July 30, during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix. He has served as bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019 and previously served as mission developer (2009-2012) and pastor (2012-2019) of Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill. Curry's first day in office will be Oct. 1.

Curry received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2013. LSTC is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

Trinity Lutheran Church 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Theater presents...

"EVIL NEVER DIES"

The Halloween 'who-dun-it' that screams for attention!

Did Evil-Eyed Emil return to wreak vengeance on the citizens of Reaper Junction??

Join us for an afternoon filled with suspense...and dessert!

Only YOU can crack the case!

**Sunday, October 5 @ 2 p.m. Call (701-845-3837) or email
(trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com) for reservations.**

This free-will offering mystery theater event is a TLC Fundraiser for WELCA Triennial Convention.





Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

Join Pastor Diane in Trinity's Library for a zoom workshop that is part of the "Vital Church" series offered through the EaND Synod. No need to register if you attend at Trinity - Pastor Diane has registered our group. Everyone is welcome.

The answer to “why church?” was simple 75 years ago – it’s just what we did! Faith communities today are challenged to create a more robust answer to the question “why church?” and “why Lutheran?” Together we will explore the unique and specific why of our shared story as ELCA Christians and have the opportunity to create the unique and specific why of your specific congregation – for the sake of sharing your story with new people!

Bless the LORD
O my soul,
and forget not
all his benefits.

Psalm 103:2 (KJV)