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**Evangelical Lutheran
 Church in America**
 God's work. Our hands.

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

Sunday School

Resumes 9/14/25
 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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Rochelle Triebold
 Hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., M-Th
 Closed on Fridays.

Treasurer/Expenses:

Kaneaia Kinney

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Diane Kracht

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity Tidings



*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
 and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*
Proverbs 9:10

This school year, the Small Catechism will be our focus for confirmation classes. So, I thought it might be interesting to share a few "fun" facts about this little book.

- The word "catechism" means a form of instruction using questions and answers.
- Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism in 1529 for parents to teach their children the basics of the Christian faith. Before Luther, worship services, the Bible, and other books were in Latin – a language used by scholars, not common people.
- Luther also wrote "the Large Catechism" (in 1529) for pastors and anyone seeking to go deeper into Christian teachings.
- The invention and use of the Gutenberg Press made it possible for the common person to afford a copy of the Small Catechism. Before this, written materials were copied by hand and were very expensive.
- Because Luther believed that each person could be inspired by the Holy Spirit, he wanted people to have access to Christian teachings and what they mean for daily life. For example, he wanted people to be able to recite the 10 Commandments, understand their meaning, and how to apply them to their lives.
- The Small Catechism can be divided into four main sections: The Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments (Baptism and Communion). The Small Catechism also contains samples of prayers for morning, evening, and mealtimes.
- Luther rediscovered the good news that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Equally as important to him was how we responded to this good news. In other words, he hoped people would trust in God's mercy to save them AND they would live as people who have been freely given God's love.
- The Small Catechism is printed in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal (cranberry), pages 1160-1167.

If you have not had the opportunity to read the Small Catechism or if it has been awhile, I encourage you to take a look. I invite you to reflect on how you would answer the question "What does this mean?" – what does faith in Jesus mean to you and how does it shape your daily life?

In Christ,
 Pastor Diane



In our Thoughts & Prayers:

Shirley Koslofsky, Michelle (Hoefs) Carlblom, Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband), Sheila Miller (cancer; Jennifer Bacher's friend), Marleen Pytlik, Carol (Hoff) Crandall, Nicole Wieser, Jenny Morical (Kathy Hoefs daughter), Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; Eastern ND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth/ ELCA Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop Elect the Rev. Yehiel Curry; Peace

August 2025 Memorials

<u>In memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>
Francis Yokom	Pat Beil & Bernie Walters	General
	Roger & Rochelle Triebold	General
	Kathleen Langemo	Quilters
Ethel Heckman	Pat Beil & Bernie Walters	General
	Ruth Triebold	General
	John Froelich	General
	Leif & Roz Ravnaas	General
	Susan Smith	Quilters
	Vicki Zinck Metcalf	Quilters & A.G.
Joie Heckman	Pat Beil & Bernia Walters	General
	Kathy & Tom Langemo	General
	Sharon Anundson	General
	Ruth Triebold	General
	Phyllis Otterness	General
	Shawn & Kim Wittenberg	General
	Jerry & Julie Yokom	Altar Guild
	Vicki Zinck Metcalf	Altar Guild
Shirley Hoff	Bernie & Edna Elsner	WELCA
	Pat Beil & Bernie Walters	General
	Bernie & Edna Elsner	Quilters
Ilia Glandt	Pat Beil & Bernie Walters	General

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July 2025 TLC Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 7/01/25):	\$* 47,414.00
*(includes \$43,887.18 Annuity Deposits from June)	
Income:	\$ 10,095.35
Expenses:	\$ 16,702.11
Ending Balance (as of 7/31/25):	\$ 40,807.02
Outstanding Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 9,441.77
Adjusted Balance:	\$** 31,365.25
**(includes \$43,887.18 Annuity Deposits from June)	

August 2025 Worship Attendance @ TLC:

3rd: 38	17th: 41
10th: 42	24th: 46



Jamestown Area Grief Support

Jamestown Area Grief Support Team is hosting a Widow's Retreat October 10-12, 2025, at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. 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 info or to receive a brochure and registration form, please call or text Carol at (701) 320-3801. If leaving a voice mail message, be sure to include your name and mailing address.



The Sheyenne Valley Memory Café will meet on Thursday, Sept. 25th, 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 "Preparing for an Emergency."

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. Each month will have a different topic and speaker. For more info, call City-County Health District at 845-8518 or follow @Sheyenne Valley Memory Café on Facebook.



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:

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



Thank you to all who have donated items for the school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Our goal was to collect enough items to make at least 80 kits, in honor of Lutheran World Relief's 80th Anniversary, and we surpassed that goal thanks to your help! On Sunday, Sept. 14th, we will be assembling and packaging the kits at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to come help with that!



**Eastern North Dakota
Synodical Women's Organization
Annual Fall Convention:
Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025**

St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND

Theme: "Surrounded by the Spirit"

9 a.m.—3 p.m. (Registration: 8:15 a.m.)

Keynote Speaker: Prairie Rose Seminole

Meal reservation due by Aug. 30th: \$20
Contact Jeanne Wobbema (701-230-8745) for more info or to register.

Online registration available: <https://eandwelca.net>.

In-Kind Offering: Personal Care products (Hope Center, Devils Lake); Yarn (Prison Ministry)



TLC's Annual Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8th. As in the past, we will have gift baskets available for ticket chance sales during this festival. Due to ND law, we must have assembled gift baskets at the church earlier this year so that we can label the contents of each basket, for approval at the city meeting in October.

If you intend to donate a basket for the ticket chance drawing, **please drop off your assembled gift basket at the church office by no later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th.** Thank you!



**Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe
Sunday, Sept. 14th
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.

Thank you to Kellen Westman and volunteers for sprucing up the church grounds and interior this summer, as part of Kellen's Eagle Scout Award project. We are grateful for the improvements, which included: painting upstairs Sunday School hallways/stairwells, weeding/mulching/transplanting perennial beds along church foundation, and redoing the sign hanging on west side of church.



**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. Stay tuned for more details about upcoming fundraisers.

Thank you to all who helped with the Rummage Sale for Casa de Fe last month! Whether you donated items, helped set up, worked at the sale, or came to shop... we appreciate YOU!!!

All free-will donations (approx. \$1,750 this year) will be given to Casa de Fe ("House of Faith"), an orphanage located in Ecuador.





TLC Sunday School

On Sunday, Sept. 14th, we begin a new year of Sunday School at Trinity!! The year kicks off with Rally Sunday (Sept. 14) with crafts and assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. During worship, 3rd graders will receive their Bibles.

Sunday School classes will be from 9-9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Room (downstairs, near the kitchen) for ages 5 years through grade 6. We will continue with the one-room format, like last year. Our focus will be on New Testament stories and the Apostles' Creed.

More info and a schedule were emailed in August. If you have not already done so, please register as soon as possible—a link was included in the email. If you have questions, please contact Pr. Diane.

A BIG thank you to those who have volunteered to teach, help, and/or sub this year: Patty Beil, Judy Johnson Berg, Michelle Carlblom, Kathy Hoefs, Diane Kracht, Bentley Wieser, Chloe Wieser, Kim Wittenberg, Jeanne Wobbema, and Pr. Diane.

Confirmation Corner:

The confirmation program for Trinity, Faith, and Our Savior's Lutheran Congregations begins with a **Parent & Student Meeting on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Faith.**

Classes will be held most Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. The program is for students in Grades 7-9. This year's focus is the Small Catechism. Watch for more information to be emailed. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Diane.



Kids Club for 4th-6th graders Wednesdays, 3:15-5 p.m. @ Faith Lutheran

Kids Club is for all students who are in 4th-6th grade this school year. We would love to have all our 4th-6th graders and their friends come to Kids Club where we will learn God's Word and what great things He has in store for us!

Kids Club will start off the school year on Wednesday, September 3rd! It is an afterschool program that meets every Wednesday. Wendi Wilmes, Youth Ministry & Sunday School Coordinator from Faith Lutheran, will pick up the youth registered for Faith Kids Club afterschool at 3:15 pm from Washington School. Parents pick up their children at 5pm from Faith Lutheran.

The kids will have a snack, play games, do crafts, learn Bible lessons, have discussion time, and pray together. In the past, we also have done service projects each month, and we try to do some fun outings throughout the year too!

Please fill out the registration form (which was emailed to TLC families on 8/20) on the jotform link by Friday, Aug. 29th if your child is interested in coming. Wendi will then have a list of who to pick up from school. It is important to have the registration form on file so that Wendi has permission to transport your child! Insurance also requests that we have the emergency form on file.

Any questions please contact Wendi at: wendi.wilmes@gmail.com.



CASTAWAY CLUB.

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Area youth are invited to Castaway Club (Grades 6-10) in Detroit Lakes, MN – September 26-28. Castaway Club is an opportunity for youth from Eastern ND Synod to experience worship, music, and activities centered around youth and their faith. Castaway also has a climbing wall, gaga pit, game room, and more. The cost is \$184 per person. (*Trinity's Endowment Fund will cover this cost for Trinity members.*) Contact Wendi Wilmes (email: wendi.wilmes@gmail.com) at Faith Lutheran to learn more.



Senior High Youth Group for grades 10 -12 gathers on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (starting 9/17) at 8 p.m. in the Youth Room @ Our Savior's Lutheran. To stay connected, join Remind App group by texting @oslcshyg to the number 81010. By signing up, you'll get reminders about when we're meeting and the fun planned for that night.

Highlights of Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting, August 12, 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. A thank you note was read from Kathy Langemo thanking the congregation for caring for her mom, Ethel Heckman. The agenda and previous council minutes were approved, and the treasurer's report was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Sunday School will begin with Rally Sunday, Sept 14. Thank you to the people who volunteered to teach, help, and/or sub. Confirmation classes will resume Sept 10th with a Parent-Student Meeting, and classes will begin the following week. We will again work with Faith and Our Savior's – rotating among the 3 locations. Senior High Youth Group at OSLC resumes Sept 17th for Grades 10-12. Faith Kids Club (Grades 4-6) resumes September 3. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 30th at 4:45pm.

Endowment – Glen: Next meeting: September 21st after church.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: Trinity hosted a Neighborhood Party on July 23rd – serving hamburgers and Bumpa's Ice Cream. About 35 people attended with 9 neighbors. We are close to the goal of making 80 school kits in celebration of Lutheran World Relief's 80th Anniversary. Kits will be assembled on Rally Sunday. Next Meeting: TBD.

Worship – Kathy: Accompaniment Books were ordered to replace the old ones that are falling apart. Approximate cost of \$75. We discussed the feasibility of projecting the worship service on a screen – having someone create the PowerPoint and run it during services will be challenging. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 9th at 1 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim – It has been busy with 4 funerals in 3 weeks. WELCA plans to have several activities to raise funds for Trinity members to attend the WELCA Triennial Event in Des Moines, Iowa, in July 2026.

Property – Gary & Robert: The lights in front of the church were changed to LED. The radiant heat line in church's elevator mechanical room has been replaced. Nothing new to report on the Church Sidewalk. The gutters on the parsonage need to be cleaned. The Church sanctuary windows have been cleaned on the inside – outside left to do.

OLD BUSINESS:

The church computers in the Treasurer's and Administrator's Office have been replaced and installed. Coffee Hour money continues to be designated for church sidewalk repairs – except on the Sundays when WELCA serves. Kellen Westman's Eagle Scout Project is done and turned out great! (Kellen's project included painting the upstairs Sunday School hallway and stairwell; weeding, cleaning, and mulching the courtyard area; and updating the west church sign.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Investments were reviewed and will stay as is for now. Options for snow removal were discussed and more info will be gathered.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30pm.

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