



May 2025

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

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.
 Holy Communion all Sundays
 of Easter season

Sunday School

Summer break

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

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Diane Kracht

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity Tidings



By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3b

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We are in the midst of seven Sundays of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. We culminate our celebration on Pentecost Sunday (June 8) with the giving of the Holy Spirit and the disciples being sent to spread the good news to the ends of the earth.

After the somber mood of Lent, Easter Sunday greets us with the joy of new life. We sing alleluia – which means “Praise the Lord!” We behold beautiful flowers and weekly partake of Christ’s presence in the bread and wine. We even have a silly Sunday of laughter (April 27). What good news we hear! What great hope we have because Jesus lives!

Of course, on this side of eternity, our joy has not reached its completion. We still need to do the laundry, cut the grass, and do other daily tasks. We still experience the ups and downs of life. However, our day-to-day life does not diminish the power of the resurrection. In fact, it changes how we understand existence.

There is a story that has appeared in various versions. One is of a young girl who found a cocoon in her backyard. Day after day, she checked on it. Finally, one day, a small opening appeared. She returned several times during the day to watch the progress. Hours passed, and the butterfly was still struggling to squeeze its body through the small opening. She thought she might be able to help, so she used a scissors to open the cocoon. The butterfly emerged, but its body was swollen and its wings small and wrinkled. The girl waited for the butterfly’s wings to expand and the butterfly to fly off. But that never happened. It was necessary for the butterfly to squeeze through the small opening to force the fluid from its body to its wings.

Sometimes, our challenges are part of the process of God leading us to something new. Just as Jesus endured the cross before his resurrection, God can use our difficult times to strengthen us and prepare us for what is to come.

As we think of the butterfly struggling out of its cocoon, we have an advantage. We know Jesus is risen and we shall arise. We know, one day, we will emerge to the fulness of new life and take flight. We know that even in our most ordinary of moments our Lord offers us joy, hope, and life.

Blessings as we continue to celebrate the new life we have in Christ,
 Pastor Diane



Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly: June 7-8 Holiday Inn, Fargo

Thank you to Jeanne Wobbema, Linda Anderson, and Pr. Diane for their willingness to serve as TLC'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". Our keynote speaker and churchwide representative will be Rev. Tim Brown, ELCA Director of Congregational Stewardship.

April 2024 Memorials

GENERAL FUND

In memory of **Linda Kosse**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Harold Pross**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Shawn Sandness**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Harold Pross**
Given by Jerry & Julie Yokom



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. Stay tuned for more details & sale date!



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

From May 18 to June 22, we will be collecting personal care kit items for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). These items (like towels, bath soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers, hair combs) help families when disaster strikes. Stay tuned for more details about items needed!



Church Musicians Recognized on March 30th

Church musicians play a vital role in enhancing the worship experience for congregations. Their dedication & talent contribute to the spiritual atmosphere during services. We give thanks to Amy Anderson and Naomi Schlecht for sharing their musical talents with us each Sunday, Wednesdays of Lent, & for funerals at TLC. They are both blessings to the congregation of TLC!



Fam/Friends of Harold Pross (died 3/30),

F/F of Brian Healey (died 4/13; Brian & Karen Enge's son-in-law); Graduates (High School: Sean, Paige, Payton, Tessa, Teagan;

College: Peyton & Madison, Jenna, Jalynn); 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 (cancer), Nicole Wieser, Chad Henningsgard, Gabriella Morical (Kathy Hoefs granddaughter), Jenny Morical (Kathy Hoefs daughter), Nicole Gordon (Julie Yokom's niece); Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; EaND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth/ ELCA Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton; Peace

March 2025 TLC Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 3/01/25): \$26,269.88

Income: \$15,807.99

Expenses: \$22,550.12

Ending Balance (as of 3/31/25): \$19,527.75

Outstanding Checks: \$ 9,975.37

Adjusted Balance: \$ 9,552.38

Thank you to all who financially donated to the Easter plants this year, or who brought a plant!

April 2025 Worship Attendance @ TLC:

Sundays:

Wednesdays & Holy Week:

6th: 59

2nd: canceled/snow day

13th: 64

9th: 50

20th/Easter: 115

17th/Maundy Thurs.: 38

27th: 61

18th/Good Fri.: not recorded



Due to the second Sunday in May being Mother's Day (5/11), there will be NO Mission Breakfast this month. See you back in June!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH:

Youth-Led Sunday was on April 27. The Sunday School students greeted, ushered, presented an encore performance of the Christmas program, invited everyone to "Be the Light," and led us in the Prayers of Intercession (which they wrote). Confirmation students read the lessons and acolyted. See our Facebook page (Trinity Lutheran Church of Valley City) for pictures!

Our last day of Sunday School of this school year is May 4. We have some fun activities lined up, including a visit from Bumpa's Ice Cream Truck.

Thank you to everyone for their help with Sunday School this year. We experimented with a one-room, multigenerational setting. We learned together and from each other. Special thanks to our Sunday School leaders: Patty Beil, Diane Kracht, Rebecca Westman, & Pastor Diane and Linda Anderson (sub).

Special thank you to Rebecca Westman for all her work with Kids Club and Confirmation Classes.



June 3-5, 2025 @ OSLC

12:30-5 p.m.

**Ages: for children going into
Kindg-6th grade**

This is a joint effort of TLC, Faith, & OSLC. Watch for an email with registration information. If interested in volunteering, please contact Rebecca Westman.

W.E. Erickson Scholarship applications can be picked up in the church office for college students.

Eligibility requirements are:



- Active member of Trinity Lutheran Church (student and/or parents).
- Good academic standing (GPA min. of 2.5).
- Enrolled in University or Technical College.
- Preference given to enrolled Christian Ministry students.
- Students must have completed one academic year to be eligible.
- Undergraduates may renew the scholarship one time, with preference given to first time applicants.
- 10 hours of church/community service (within 12 mos) which has been verified by a supervisor through phone call/email/letter.

Completed applications should be dropped off in TLC office by May 22, 2025.

Confirmation Corner — May 2025

We are drawing to a close of classes for this school year. We had a Bingo and Pizza Party on April 30. We will be participating in the CROP WALK on May 7. Thank you to Rebecca Westman for being an adult leader, parents for their support, and students for their participation.

Students are to meet at Jefferson Elementary School on May 7th at 6:30 p.m. (No meal will be provided.) Put on your walking shoes and be prepared to walk the Jefferson mile and to learn about hunger/poverty. This event is open to the community and is a fundraiser – with 25% of funds raised fighting hunger locally and 75% world-wide. Please bring a donation to share.

While we break for the summer, 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.

Confirmation classes will resume in September – with more info available in August. Tentative date for Confirmation Sunday is October 26, 2025.



On Sunday, May 4th, during Worship we will recognize TLC members graduating from high school and college.

High School Graduates & their future plans:

VCHS:

Sean Buck: attending VCSU

Paige Lindgren: working @ VCHS as a Para

Payton Lindgren: undecided

Tessa Kinney: attending VCSU for Math Education

Teagan Zaun: work full time as an Apprentice Electrician for Hi-Line Electric Inc.

College Graduates:

VCSU:

Jaylynn Anderson: Bachelor of Business Administration degree with emphasis in Human Resources.

Peyton Zaun: Bachelor of Science in Chemistry & Health Sciences. Will be attending grad school @ NDSU this fall to pursue a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences. His wife, **Madison Zaun**, graduated from Dakota College Bottineau with a Registered Nurse degree.

Dakota College Bottineau:

Jenna Lindgren: Liberal Arts degree in Psychology.



Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3



Blessing of Quilts & Quilter Appreciation on Sunday, May 4:

TLC Quilters have worked all year creating beautiful quilts (totaling nearly 90 quilts!) to be shipped out to those in need all over the world. We appreciate

the following TLC'ers for their creativity and dedication coming to TLC every Wednesday morning: Sue Martin, Susan Smith, Margaret Heise, Karen Ladbury, Gayle Hoff, and Linda Westby.

Each quilt costs \$2.80 to ship, so we will be collecting a free-will offering on May 4, to help with the shipping costs of the quilts.

Most quilts will be shipped out, but a limited number will also be available to purchase (\$50 minimum donation). If you'd like to purchase a quilt for yourself or as a gift (think Mother's/Father's Day or graduation gifts!), stop in at the church by May 10th.



CROP Hunger Walk: Wed., May 7 7 p.m., beginning @ Jefferson School 1150 Central Ave. N., Valley City

The 45th Annual Valley City CROP Walk for Hunger will be on Wednesday, May 7th at 7 p.m., on the Jefferson Elementary School Mile. This year's theme is "Chickens, Beans, and Big Dreams." Seventy-five percent of the funds raised will go to fight hunger around the world and 25% will stay in our local community (Barnes County Food Pantry, the Hi-Liner Food Pantry at Valley City Public Junior/Senior High, and the Valley City State University Food Pantry.) Last year more than \$5,240 was raised.

CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service – with over 500 communities participating across the United States. CROP Hunger Walks are a way to respond to the global challenges of hunger and poverty in the US and around the world. Your participation helps transform communities by ensuring access to nutritious food, giving kids a chance at a good education, and increasing availability of clean water for drinking and hygiene. Valley City's participation in this event started in 1981 with the help of the late Rev. Wayne McKirdy.

Come on May 4th – learn more at booths stationed throughout the Jefferson School Mile. Be sure to check out Trinity's booth: Latrine Bean Bag Toss. Begin your walk by registering at the table by the school. A brief educational experience will be shared by the school at 7 p.m. ***Donations can be given at the event or dropped off at TLC office until noon on May 7th. Please write your check out to Trinity Lutheran Church and write "Crop Walk 2025" in the memo line.*** Thank you for all you do to help our neighbors in need!



Treasure Sale

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. N., Valley City

Fri., May 2: 1-4 p.m.

Sat., May 3: 8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Coffee/juice, & rolls served on Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m.



**Abused Persons
Outreach Center
APOC**

**Taco Bar Fundraiser Supper
Monday, May 5, 2025
VC Eagles Club, 5-7 p.m.**

Free-will Offering donations will be used for client services at APOC.

Sponsored by VC Eagles #2192 Gaming



2025 Red Willow 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

TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING – Highlights from April 8, 2025

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

President Diane Kracht called the meeting to order. Pastor Diane led devotions. Thank you notes were read from Naomi for the plant and gift card and from Lutheran Disaster Response for the \$1,164 donation for the fires in California. The agenda and March council minutes were approved, and the treasurer's report was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Youth-led Sunday will be Apr 27. Sunday School students are greeting, ushering, and writing/saying the prayers. They will have a short program with the theme of "Be the Light." Confirmation Students will be lesson readers. Graduate Recognition on May 4. We still need pictures and plans from graduates. May 4th is also the last day of Sunday School. Bumpa's Ice Cream Truck will be available. Confirmation Classes resume after Lent (at Trinity on Apr 23 & 30) and will participate in CROP WALK on May 7. The committee will be considering options for Sunday School next year. Next Meeting – Thursday, May 15th at 4:45pm.

Endowment – Glen: Endowment voted to cover the cost for Trinity members attending Red Willow Bible Camp & Castaway Retreat and Trinity's share of VBS costs. Endowment voted to reimburse Trinity members for the cost of the bus ride to EaND SWO's Roundup in April at Stump Lake \$30/seat (with a maximum of \$300). Next meeting: September 21st after church.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: Trinity will be helping with Crop Walk (May 7th) and doing Easter crafts with Open Door. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 8th at 5pm.

Worship – Kathy: Accompanist Schedule was updated. Plans were finalized for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter services, and Youth-led Sunday/Holy Humor Sunday. Beginning plans for "Christmas in July" for July 20th. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 28th at 2pm.

Women (WELCA) – *Kim Wittenberg submitted report:* Thank you to the men who served the Lent Supper on March 26th. Next meeting: Apr 15th at Noon.

Property – Gary & Robert: Robert is following up on an issue with a noisy motor on the church boiler. Concerns over the temperature in the Church Boiler Room are being looked into. The Elevator Call Button update is paid for, and work will be done later. Gary will arrange for repairs on the sidewalk on the north side of the church.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Coffee Hour offering designated to Elevator Update will continue through May. Church Computers – New, better anti-virus software was installed on the current computers, and they were "cleaned up". Working better. We have not yet received an estimate to replace two church computers (they will become obsolete in October). Annuity matured in March. \$25,000 will be invested in annuity for 3 years at 5%, \$25,000 will be invested in a short-term CD, and the remaining will go into the General Fund (approximately \$2,000). Church Musician Appreciation Sunday, *Administration Professional Day*, and *Financial Secretary Day* went well on March 30.

There was no new business. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30pm.

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Trinity's Mission "Love God...Love Others"*

A brief council meeting was held on April 27, 2025, following worship services. Trinity received \$122,32.21 gift from the Harold Pross Estate. Motion, seconded, carried to invest \$50,000 with Valley Wealth Advisors, \$50,000 in a 7-month CD, and deposit the remaining in the General Fund (designated for special projects).