



Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church
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**August 2026
Newsletter**

“Love God. Love Others.”

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Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.
Holy Communion
the first & third
Sundays

Sunday School

Resumes next fall
(Sept. – April)

Bible Study

Tuesdays:
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
@ TLC library;
meets @ Bridgeview
Est. on second
Tuesday of month @
10 a.m.

Pastor:

Rev. Diane Krumm
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Office Manager:

Rochelle Triebold
Summer Hours:
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.,
Tues. – Thurs.
(Closed Mon. & Fri.)

Treasurer/ Expenses

Kanea Kinney

Offering Secretary

Diane Kracht

Custodians

Jerry & Michelle Dahl



*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious
or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not
insist on its own way... I Corinthians 13:4-5*

I Corinthians 13 is often read at weddings. In that setting, we are celebrating the joy that the couple has found in each other and reminded of the great love given to us through Jesus. As those attending the ceremony, we pray for God's blessings upon the couple and their lives together.

When St. Paul wrote these words to the church at Corinth, he had a different matter in mind. Paul had helped found the church in Corinth, and after he left, other leaders began teaching that some members were better Christians than others because of their particular gifts and experiences. Paul was adamant that all members are important and vital to the church as the body of Christ. Each person has unique gifts that God has given them so that they might serve God and others. There is no hierarchy of importance or gifts, and we are to serve out of love and not for selfish gain.

This year marks the 40th Anniversary for the founding of Abused Persons Outreach Center in Valley City. In 1985, the Valley City Business and Professional Women's Club sponsored a forum on rape and abuse. The forum was a springboard for the formation of a task force that created APOC. By the end of 1986, Valley City had its first center which offered education regarding domestic violence, a crisis line, and shelter, advocacy, and counseling for victims of domestic violence. Currently, APOC serves 150-175 individuals a year throughout Barnes, Griggs, and Steele counties. Their services include offering free counseling, advocacy, a 24-hour crisis line, emergency safe shelter, relocation assistance, and transportation services.

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul gives us a guide for what loving relationships should be like – where love is patient, kind, and rejoices in the truth. We are painfully aware that, in this world, not all relationships have these; and we are grateful for the services that APOC has and continues to offer. We lean into the truth that each one of us is a precious child of God and that it is God's deepest desire that all of us to be heard, safe, respected, and lovingly cared for – especially in our most intimate relationships. As we are assured that the Holy Spirit works in and through us so that we might love one another as Christ has loved us, we thank God for the gift of each person, their unique gifts, and the greatest gift – God's abiding love.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane

For more information about Abused Person Outreach Center, visit them on Facebook or their webpage.



In our Thoughts & Prayers:

Bernadette Botner (ruptured appendix/Fgo hosp.), Sharon Anundson (knee surgery), Tim Yokom (Jerry's brother), Marleen Pytlik (@ St. Raphael), Madonna Bacher-Slack, Bea Tait (back issues), Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband); Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; EaND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon-Leiseth/ELCA Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry; Peace

June & July 2026 Memorials

In memory of:	Given by:	Fund:
DonnaMae Weis	Doug Weis	General
Nathan Triebold	Gerald & Julie Yokom	General
Jerry Huckle	Pat Beil & Bernie Walters	Casa de Fe
Jonathon Haidon	Bernie & Edna Elsner	Christian Ed



Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe Sunday, August 9th Scrambled eggs & sausage TLC Dining room

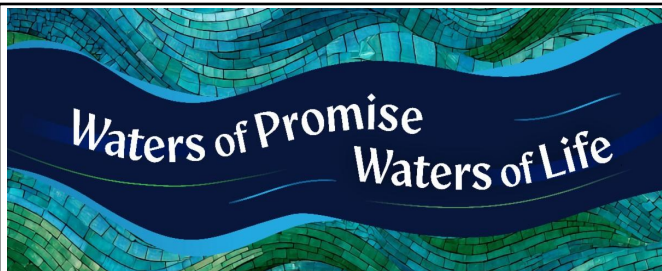
10:30 a.m.—12:30 pm (or until gone)

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

For those wondering, there will be NO Rummage Sale at Trinity this summer. Donations are still being accepted for next year's sale and can be dropped off in the basement room marked "Rummage Sale".



For months where there are five Sundays, we collect a special offering (\$5 or more) on the fifth Sunday to designate to various organizations, as part of TLC's Outreach. On August 30th, we will collect money to go towards Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), which provides long-term holistic support to communities affected by disasters, both domestically & internationally.



Summary of the 2026 EaND Synod Assembly June 5-7, 2026, Holiday Inn, Fargo ND

On June 5-7, 2026, the Eastern ND Synod, ELCA gathered together at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, North Dakota for the thirty-ninth annual Synod Assembly under the theme "Waters of Promise, Waters of Life."

There were a total of 325 people in attendance (206 Lay Voting Members; 78 Rostered Minister Voting Members; 41 visitors). The business items included hearing reports from synod officers, adopting the Synod Mission Plan (budget) for Fiscal-Year-End 1-31-2028, elections for Synod Council and Committee on Discipline, adopting the 2027 Compensation and Benefit Guidelines, adopting updates to the Synod Constitution and Bylaws, releasing Skjeberg Lutheran Church as a congregation of the synod, and held an election for Bishop.

The Rev. Tessa Moon Leiseth was re-elected to a second six-year term as bishop of the Eastern ND Synod, ELCA. The bishop was re-elected on the fifth ballot, with 137 votes. The Rev. Joe Johnson, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, had 117 votes.

In addition to the business, participants had the opportunity to worship together, attend workshops on a variety of topics, and celebrate significant anniversaries of rostered ministers and congregations. Bishop Regina Hassanally, Southeastern Minnesota Synod, led two Bible studies on baptism. Imran Siddiqui, ELCA Vice President, chaired the bishop election and reported on the work of the ELCA. Offerings were collected for the Holy Innovation Endowment Fund and totaled \$7,961.

The 2027 Synod Assembly will be held on June 5-6, 2027. You can check out 2026 videos from Synod Assembly (Worship, Bible Study, State of the ELCA) on our website: www.eandsynod.org/events/synod-assembly.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 9, 2026

Members Present: Gary Botner, Diane Kracht, Brenda Laub, Robert Nelson, Glen Torgerson, Kim Wittenberg, Kaneia Kinney (Treasurer) and Pastor Diane Krumm. Absent: Linda Westby.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Vacation Bible School was May 26-28, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, as a joint effort of Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity. There were a total of 66 students attending (going into K-6) – including two children connected to Trinity and their friend. Thank you to Tessa Kinney, Deanna Kinney, Cambrie Westman, Rebecca Westman, and Pr. Diane for helping and leading. Next meeting: 8/04

Endowment – Glen –Next Meeting: September 20th after worship.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: For May's \$5 on the 5th Sunday offering, we collected \$235 for Bridges Summer Grocery Store – which will be open 5-7 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 3rd to August 5th to offer weekly grocery items to individuals and families in need. Trinity volunteers will be helping on July 8 and 22. On Sunday, June 14, Red Willow's Traveling Quilt will be on display and raffle tickets will be sold with the proceeds going to Red Willow Bible Camp. Next Meeting: August 13th at 5 p.m.

Worship – Linda: Christmas in July Service will be on July 26, and Bumpa's Ice Cream will be visiting. We will seek a different National Song from the hymnal each week in July in honor of our nation's 250th Anniversary. Next Meeting: August 6th at 1 pm.

Women (WELCA) – Kim: A reminder to shop for school kits supplies at sales this summer. Next meeting: June 16th at Noon.

Property – Gary/Robert: Plans are underway to repair sidewalk areas at the church and parking lot. At the parsonage, the hallway and entryway light fixtures will be replaced, the front step will be painted, a closet door and basement railing will be repaired, mini blinds will be replaced, and the yard will be sprayed.

BUSINESS:

The council reviewed what needs to be covered at the June 14th Congregation Meeting, including the wording of the motions. Voting will be by paper ballots.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (Tuesday) June 16th @ 6:30 p.m.

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes: June 14, 2026

- President Diane Kracht called the meeting to order and announced a quorum was present.
- Devotions led by Pastor Diane.
- A PowerPoint presentation was shared with the benefits of the parsonage, updates that need to be done now and in the future with some projected costs, and the price and cost of selling the parsonage.
- Discussion was held with questions and comments from the congregation.
- Elsa Kamphius made a motion to authorize Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council to sell Trinity's parsonage for an amount the current market will bear, seconded by Perry Laub. After no further discussion, there was a vote by a paper ballot. The results were 45 yes and 4 no; motion carried.
- Kathy Burchil made a motion to compensate Pastor Diane a housing allowance of up to \$20,000 yearly in lieu of providing a parsonage (per Synod Guidelines), seconded by Jerry Dahl; motion carried.
- Tracey Zaun made a motion to designate the funds from the parsonage sale for the pastor's housing allowance and to invest the funds in a separate account, seconded by Kathy Hoefs; motion carried.
- Jerry Dahl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Amy Anderson; motion carried.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING—July 7, 2026

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

Guests: Ross Powell (Realtor) and Jeanne Wobbema and Karen Ladbury (WELCA)

BUSINESS:

- A. Coffee Maker: Karen Ladbury and Jeanne Wobbema shared information about the coffee maker WELCA would like to purchase with monies from Margaret Heise Estate. The AXIOM Twin-APS Airpot System Coffee Brewer is a compact drip coffee brewer from BUNN that brews directly into carafes and has a water line plumbed into it. The council approved of the project.
- B. Sale of the Parsonage: Ross Powell explained the process of selling the parsonage and what needs to be done before listing it. The council voted to authorize Diane Kracht, council president, to sign paperwork to convey ownership of Trinity Lutheran Church parsonage.
- C. Parsonage Preparation: Council members will clean the downstairs of the parsonage, paint the front step, and do minor repairs on July 8. Hallway light fixtures will be replaced the following week.
- D. Cash Flow for the General Fund for the Summer: The council approved use of monies from Trinity's money market account, if needed.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (Tuesday) August 11th @ 6:30pm

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

"God's Work. Our Hands."

May 2026 TLC Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 5/01/26):	\$ 31,473.25
Income:	\$ 10,489.53
Expenses:	\$ 17,737.00
Ending Balance (as of 5/31/26):	\$ 24,225.78
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 9,719.98
Adjusted Balance:	\$ 14,505.80

June 2026 TLC Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 6/01/26):	\$ 24,225.78
Income:	\$ 14,333.01
Transfer from Erickson Scholarship	\$ 3,000.00
Expenses:	\$18,446.74
College Scholarship to VCSU	\$ 3,000.00
Ending Balance (as of 6/30/26):	\$ 20,112.05
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 9,187.32
Outstanding Deposits	\$ 0.00
Adjusted Balance:	\$10,924.73

June 2026 Worship Attendance @ TLC:

7th: 35 14th: 54 21st: 44 28th: 43

July 2026 Worship Attendance @ TLC:

5th: 31 12th: 50 19th: 40 26th: 42



School kit items for LWR (Lutheran World Relief)

Beginning in August, we will be collecting school kit items for Lutheran World Relief. Please drop off the below items to TLC by 9/30:

- Pens (blue or black ballpoint; no gel pens)
- Scissors (blunt-ended only)
- Crayons (16 or 24 count)
- Eraser (2 1/2" size)
- Pencil sharpener
- 70-sheet Notebooks (wide- or college ruled)
- Ruler (with inches & centimeters)
- Pencils (#2; unsharpened, with erasers)
- Drawstring backpack style cloth bag with shoulder straps (measuring approx. 14"x17")



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

*Please do not donate items with these symbols:
religious, military (including flag/camouflage),
or group names.*



Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School

Sunday School will kick off with Rally Sunday on Sept. 20. Classes will be in the Fellowship Room (downstairs) from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. This year we will focus on stories from the Old Testament and memorizing the 10 Commandments. Our curriculum is geared for children in K-6, using a one-room format. Watch for an email with registration email. If you'd like to help with Sunday School, or know of a child that might like to participate, please contact Pr. Diane.



Back to School Luau



Wednesday, Aug. 19th, 5-7 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church, VC

Menu: BBQ Pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, watermelon, ice cream, & beverages.
(To go containers available)



Adults: \$10

Children (K-6): \$6

PreK & under: Free



This community event is a youth fundraiser of Faith Lutheran Church Ministries!

Cake Walk for Everyone! (\$1/time)



Congratulations to TLC member, Tessa Kinney, for being awarded the W.E. Erickson Scholarship for the Fall 2026 semester. Tessa is a Elementary Education major attending VCSU. She is the daughter of Royce & Kaneia Kinney.

Wilhemenia Erickson is a former TLC member who left money from her estate to TLC to establish a scholarship fund in her name for students who are active members of TLC pursuing a college education and meeting defined eligibility requirements.



Sheyenne Valley Memory Café

Thursday, Aug. 27th

1-3 p.m. @ Faith Luth.

(Doors open @ 1 p.m.)

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. For more info, call City-County Health District at 845-8518 or follow @Sheyenne Valley Memory Café on Facebook.



**EASTERN ND SYNOD
FALL YOUTH RETREAT**

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

What: A super fun weekend for youth to ...

- Build community
- Deepen faith through worship, learning, & conversation.
- Experience fun, rest, and connection.
- Explore how God calls us to imagine more for our lives, our churches, and our world.

Theme: This year's theme is **Imagine More**, which is inspired by the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering theme. At the heart of this theme is the invitation to trust that God is always at work beyond what we can see, understand, or expect. Rooted in the promise that God is always creating, renewing, and calling us forward, this retreat will help youth explore how imagination is not just creativity — it's discipleship. It's the courage to believe God can do something new in us and through us.

Who: For youth going into grades 6-10 this fall.

Join other youth from the Eastern ND Synod, as well as Northwestern MN Synod!

Where: Located 13 miles south of Detroit Lakes, MN.

Cost: Funds are available through the generosity of TLC Endowment Fund.

Interested??? Attend an info meeting at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, Aug. 16th @ 7:00 p.m.



Confirmation Corner:

Confirmation classes will resume in September. We continue to partner with Faith Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran for classes and activities. This year's focus is on our faith ancestors from the Old Testament.

There will be a **Parent/Student meeting on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church**. It is important that parents and students attend. We will be going over the schedule for the year, expectations, behavior covenant, etc. (Parents, please bring your calendar and be prepared to sign up to help serve a light meal and clean up afterwards – and to assist your youth in signing up to acolyte, etc.). Classes will begin the following week, 6:30-8 pm, with a light meal served at 6 pm. An email will be sent out to families later in Aug.

Confirmation classes are for youth in grades 7-9. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending, please let Pastor Diane know.

▷ September 26, 2026 • Kulm, North Dakota



WELCA SWO CONVENTION

Joy

*"... Joy of the Lord is Your Strength"
Nehemiah 8:10b*

Hello everyone.

Mark your calendars and spread the word to your congregations. September 26th is the date of the 2026 SWO convention in Kulm, ND (Just west of Edgely). We will have news from the triennial elections that must be filled, and updates that need input from all of you. Please join us to participate share your voice.

This year includes important elections and topics where we need broad input from every congregation. Your attendance and participation are essential to filling leadership roles and shaping our work going forward.

- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH
- Register with Jeanne Wobbema - mrswwob@gmail.com - 701-230-8745
- Meal: \$15, paid at the door
- Please register by the deadline so hosts can plan food quantities

In-kind offerings

Kedish House

who are at this time gathering supplies to put in schools for teenage girls. They have 13 schools they will be supplying

Personal Care Items

(for high-school girls): body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush & paste, tampons & pads, chapstick

Jamestown

Correctional Center

Offerings for the prison are always welcome in the need for yarn and fiberfill. They also have a need for crochet plastic hooks, and we do have the size for you. They are to be 5.5mm or size 1. (suggested by someone to use amazon)



Patty Beil, Sue Martin, Linda Anderson, & Jeanne Wobbema have just returned from what they say was 3 amazing days (July 16-19, 2026) at the WELCA Triennial Event, held in Des Moines, IA. They are anxious to report on their time in Des Moines, but that will be in the September newsletter as they want to work on it together, so stay tuned! They reported it was everything and more than they anticipated.

Summer Food Assistance programs:



For those needing a little help with food assistance this summer, there are a few options open to those in our community & surrounding areas. Please see below programs for more info:



Tuesday, August 4th, 1:30—3 p.m. @ Epworth United Methodist Church in VC (680 8th Ave. SW)
Great Plains Mobile Food Distribution. ALL are

welcome to receive food at no cost through their drive-through food distribution; no pre-registration required. For more info, email: info@greatplainsfoodbank.org; or call at (701) 232-6219.



Wednesday, August 5th, 5-7 p.m. @ Valley City High School (use door W6)
This if for ALL ages.



Wednesdays, August 5th & 12th, 11-11:30 a.m. @ City Park, VC (440 4th St. SW)
For Youth ages 18 years & younger.
7 days of FREE healthy breakfasts & lunches.

No eligibility requirements.
Please allow a little flexibility with arrival time, as the truck travels between multiple locations and may arrive slightly early or late, depending on drive times.



Monday, Aug. 17th, 5-7 pm @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Valley City
The Valley City Community Closet is a source of free clothing of all genders & sizes, shoes, blankets, and other household items.
Anyone that is in need is welcome to come and get items for free!



**PLEASE JOIN US
TO CELEBRATE!
SAT, AUGUST 8TH**



**RED WILLOW
MINISTRIES**

Light the Fire, Celebrating 100 Years

1926-2026

1:00 PM Check-in & Ice Cream Social
3:00-5:00 PM Time to Explore Camp
5:00 PM Celebration Banquet
6:30 PM Celebration Program
8:00 PM Campfire
9:00 PM Walk to Cross Hill

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - \$50 PER PERSON




**SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM | WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL
WITH BISHOP TESSA MOON-LEISETH**

**Register by using the QR Code or heading to
redwillowministries.com/100-year-celebration**

RAFFLE TICKETS - \$10.00 EACH

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**39TH ANNUAL
QUILTS & MORE
AUCTION**

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
at Red Willow Bible Camp
1651 Jacob Drive, Binford, ND 58416

SCHEDULE

Quilt Viewing in Gym - 10:00 AM
Luncheon in the Retreat Center
Dining Room - 11:00 AM
Silent Auction - 10:00 AM - 2:15 PM
Live Auction in the Chapel - 12:30 PM



RAFFLE QUILT

"Lakota Star"

Donated by the family of
the late Janice Thykeson

(Contact the camp if you need raffle tickets)

ONLINE AUCTION

AUGUST 7-14
(Link on Camp's Website)

Bidding Opens 8:00 AM, August 7
and Closes 8:00 PM, August 14

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