



TRINITY TIDINGS

**OCTOBER
2026****Our Mission:**

*"Love God. Love
Others."*

Our Address:

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Worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion the
first & third
Sundays.

Sunday School

For youth Kndg-6th gr.
9 a.m. (Sept. 20 - Apr. 25)

Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays @ TLC
10:30 a.m.;
Second Tuesdays of
month @ Bridgeview
Estates, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor

Rev. Diane Krumm
Church cell:
(701)840-7548
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ptlc@bektel.com

Office Manager

Rochelle Triebold
Mon-Thurs
9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Offering Secretary

Diane Kracht

Treasurer

Kaneia Kinney

Custodians

Jerry & Michelle Dahl



Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?

Genesis 18:14

Our God makes big promises and keeps them. Abraham and Sarah experienced this (Genesis 12-23). Their story began with God promising this couple that God would bless them, make a nation of them, and through their descendants all the world would be blessed. Later, God promised to give land to Abraham & Sarah's descendants. These were big promises, and they all hinged on them having at least one child. At the time, though, Abram was 75 years old, and Sarai 65. They were well past the time for a couple to have children. But nothing is impossible for God.

(In the Bible, when a person's name was changed, it was a signal that they were stepping into a new role and/or a new identity. In Genesis 17, one year before Isaac was born, God changed Abram (exalted father) to Abraham (father of many nations) and Sarai (noblewoman) to Sarah (mother of nations) to represent that they were the beginning ancestors to a multitude of people.)

When we read through Genesis 12-23, we discover many obstacles to the fulfilment of God's promises to this elderly couple – beside their age. Sometimes, it was the choices that Abram and Sarai made. For example, while they traveled in Egypt, Abram tried to pass Sarai off as his sister, so that the Egyptians wouldn't kill him to take his beautiful wife as their own. Pharaoh did take Sarah into his home and gave special treatment to Abram. How could Abram and Sarai have a child if they weren't together? God intervened by sending a plague to Pharaoh. When Sarai told the truth, Pharaoh sent her back to Abram.

Sometimes, it is God's instructions that seem to be an obstacle to God keeping God's own promises. In Genesis 22, God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac – the child through whom God would keep God's promises. In this difficult story, God did intervene, stopped Abraham from harming his son, and provided a ram for the sacrifice.

There is a pattern: something happened that appeared to be an obstacle to God's promise and God intervened, clearing the way. This pattern didn't always happen quickly. Abraham & Sarah waited and hoped for 25 years, but at the ages of 100 and 90, Isaac was born to them (Genesis 21).

Their story reminds me to trust in God and hang onto hope – because our God is faithful and trustworthy. Our God makes big promises. Promises that are impossible for human beings to keep – but nothing is too wonderful for God.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We celebrate & give thanks for Pr. Diane's faithful leadership & service during the month of October! Please join us in honoring her on Sunday, October 11th, during Worship & for treats in the dining room afterwards.



There will be a congregational Information meeting on Sunday, October 11th following the Worship service, regarding the sale of the parsonage. There will be no vote at this meeting.

Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (or until gone)

TLC lower level dining room

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



Fam/Friends of Judy Horne (9/28 funeral @ TLC); Michelle Carlblom, Bernie Walters, Bernadette Botner, Sharon Anundson, Tim Yokom (Jerry's bro),

Marleen Pytlik, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Bea Tait, 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; Lutheran World Relief; Peace



Thank you to everyone who gave a monetary donation or brought school kit items for Lutheran World Relief

(LWR). We completed 85 kits - nearly double the original goal! Also, thank you to everyone who helped assemble the kits on Sunday, Sept. 20th.



**Crafters, Bakers,
Gift Basket Creators
needed!**

On Saturday, Nov. 7th, TLC WELCA will be having their annual Fall Festival. Besides the delicious casserole luncheon, we will be having a sale of: baked goods, crafts, quilts, greeting cards & gift baskets. If you would like to donate any of these items for the festival, please have them to the church on or before 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6th. For the gift baskets & craft items, please only donate baskets &/or crafts that are \$30 or less; and please specify the item's value when dropping it off at the church so they can be priced accordingly.



Trinity Lutheran Church

499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City

Fall FeStIVAL

Sat., November 7th, 2026

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Bake Sale, Craft Sale
Quilt Sale, Greeting Cards

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Casserole Extravaganza Luncheon
Served with coleslaw & dessert
Cost: \$10 (\$5 for youth 6-12 yrs; Free for 5 yrs & under)

Take out & Delivery available:
for delivery, call (701)845-3837
between 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.





Local Events Happening in October...

EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST

Autumn Market

OCTOBER 3, 2026

11 AM TO 1 PM

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH



GIFT BASKETS, WREATHS,
PAINTINGS, BAKED
GOODS, KUCHEN, "NEW
TO YOU" ROOM,
& MORE!

680 8th Ave SW
Valley City, ND

FAITH LUTHERAN ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:00AM-1:00PM

309 4TH ST NE VALLEY CITY, ND



*CRAFT SALE *BAKE SALE

*GIFT BASKETS *QUILTS

*HOMEMADE LEFSE

YOUTH SERVING

BBQ, CHIPS, BAR

(FREE WILL OFFERING)

Pancake Brunch



Faith Lutheran Church

309 4th St NE Valley City, ND

Sunday, October 18

9:30am-12:30pm

Menu: Pancakes, Fried Potatoes, Sausage,
Apple Sauce, Orange Juice, Coffee

Free Will Donation

To-Go Containers Available

APOC

Taco Bar
Fundraiser
Supper

40
Years



Monday
October 12th

Valley City Eagles
5-7pm

\$ free will offering

Sponsored by VC Eagles #2192 Gaming

Sheyenne Valley Memory Cafe
Thursday, Oct. 22
1:00-3:00 p.m.



Faith Lutheran Church

Featured Speaker: Deb Kaul, of Red River Valley Memory Cafe.

This 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 @ (701)845-8518.



The Jamestown Area Grief Support Team is hosting a Widow's Retreat October 9-11, 2026, at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. This retreat is 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, or Eileen at (701)269-4521. If leaving a voice mail message, be sure to include your name and mailing address.



Monday, Oct. 12th, 5-7 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran
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.



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:

10th Annual Battle of the Badges:

A friendly lifesaving competition between local law enforcement (Team Law) and firefighters (Team Fire).

@ Stoudt-Miller Inc. Showroom

Tuesday, Oct. 6: 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 7: 11:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

To schedule an appointment online, go to:

<https://donors.vitalant.org>

To schedule by phone, call: (877) 258-4825

Save the Date: Thursday, Nov. 5th

BloodMobile Blood Drive @ Trinity

(More info to come!)

Trinity Lutheran Church

3rd Annual Murder Mystery Theater presents...

MURDER IS A FINE ART

MURDER MYSTERY THEATER

Join us for an afternoon of suspense & dessert!

Only YOU can crack the case!

**SUNDAY
NOV. 15, 2026
2:00 P.M.**

Trinity Lutheran Church
499 4th Ave.NW
Valley City, ND



For reservations:

Call (701) 845-3837 or email: trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com **by Nov. 11, 2026.**

This is a free-will offering fundraiser of Trinity Lutheran Church

TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING – Highlights from September 8, 2026

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Sunday School begins with Rally Sunday and Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders on Sept 20. Kathy Hoefs, Jeanne Wobbema, Michelle Carlblom, Patty Beil, Kim Wittenberg, Diane Kracht, and Pastor Diane will teach and/or help. Confirmation parent-student meeting will be on Sept 9, and classes begin the following week. We need volunteers for adult leaders and subs. Confirmation Sunday will be on October 25, 2026, for 4 students. Youth Activities: Castaway Retreat (September 2026) and the ELCA Youth Gathering (June/July 2027). Next Meeting: Oct 6th at 4 p.m.

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

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: A thank you note was received from Summer Grocery Store. An average of 1,000 pounds of food was distributed each week to 35 households. The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be making Blessing Bags for members to give to unhoused/unemployed individuals – using a Thrivent Action Team card for supplies. Plans are being made for Trinity to host a blood drive on November 5th – using Vitalant’s bloodmobile. On November 15, Trinity will host a Murder Mystery Theater and dessert (“Murder is a Fine Art”) – with proceeds going to any Trinity youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2027. In December, we will decorate a Christmas tree with buses and collect donations for transportation tickets for APOC clients. Next Meeting: Oct 1st at 3:30 p.m.

Worship – Linda: In September, we will switch to “Halle, Halle, Halle” for the gospel acclamation and “Hear Our Prayer” for the prayer song. Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be October 11. Confirmation Sunday and Reformation Sunday will be October 25. Next Meeting: October 15th at 1 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim: On October 2, they will be serving lunch at Bernard and Edna Elsner Auction. Fall Festival is November 7th and features a Casserole meal, quilt raffle and sale of bake goods, crafts, quilts, and baskets. Next meeting: Sept 15th at Noon.

Property – Gary/Robert: Sealer between outside of the church and sidewalk/ground will be replaced by Enterprise. A portion of the sidewalk on the north side of church and the small sidewalk by the north parking will be redone soon.

BUSINESS

The sale of the parsonage closed on August 28, 2026. Information regarding the sale will be shared at a congregational meeting on October 11th after church.

The council approved the following confirmands for Affirmation of Baptism rite: Mercer Boom, Deanna Kinney, Bentley Wieser, and Sara Crowe.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, October 13th @ 6:30 p.m.

Members of the ELCA:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Trinity’s Mission:
“Love God. Love Others”

August 2025 TLC Financial:			
Beginning Balance (as of 8/01/26):	\$	34,121.34	
Income:		\$254,271.30*	
Expenses:		\$(16,029.35)	
Ending Balance (as of 8/31/26):	\$	272,363.29	
Outstanding Deposits:	\$	1,664.63	
Outstanding Checks:		\$(10,169.82)	
Adjusted Balance:		\$263,858.10*	
*Includes sale of the parsonage			
September 2026 Worship Attendance:			
6th:	43	13th:	42
20th:	62	27th:	45



TLC SUNDAY SCHOOL

We started off this school year with Rally Sunday on Sept. 20. Students painted “modern artwork” to use as props for Trinity’s Murder Mystery Event in November. Then students and adults assembled 85 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who joined the students for this! During worship, students and Pastor Diane blessed the kits. Also during worship, 3rd Graders – Jensen Carlblom and Hudson Rogers – were presented Bibles.

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

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



Mark your calendars for the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 13th during 10 a.m. Worship Service.

youth activities

Kids Club for youth in grades 4-6 meets on Wednesday afternoons after school at Faith Lutheran. To register, email Wendi Wilmes (wendi.wilmes@gmail.com).

From Trinity, three youth and one adult went to Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes on Sept. 26-28.

Senior High Lunches are served on Mondays 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 7:30 p.m. at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church and the second and fourth Wednesdays at Epworth at 6:30 p.m. Please note the different times.



Confirmation classes have resumed with this year’s focus on the Old Testament. Trinity has 8 students attending (grades 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 6 p.m. and classes from 6:30-8 p.m.



On October 21st 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 do not stop at your home or you won’t be there when they came by, please drop off your donation at Trinity Lutheran’s office by 1pm on October 16. Thank you for your support.



Adult leaders and subs are needed for class time. This involves spending the evening with a group of students (for example, 7th grade boys or 8th grade girls). Adult leaders assist Wendi during large group time and leaders during the small group time – they do not have to teach the lesson or prepare anything ahead of time. If you are interested in helping out, contact Pastor Diane.

Four young people will affirm their baptism on Confirmation Sunday, October 25th during the 10 a.m. worship service at Trinity.

Come celebrate **Mercer Boom, Sara Crowe, Deanna Kinney, and Bentley Wieser** – and be sure to sign their picture frames that will be on display the day of the service.



rally sunday fun



ELCA Youth Gathering -- June 28-July 2, 2027 -- Minneapolis, MN

Every three years, the ELCA Youth Gathering is held. Youth from Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity will be going as a group from Valley City to Minneapolis next summer. If you are currently in Grades 8-12 and are interested in going, contact Wendi Wilmes (Faith Lutheran) as soon as possible. The estimated cost is \$950 per student. There will be fundraisers in the coming year to offset the cost. (Financial assistance can be applied for through the Gathering early in October.) To go with the group from Valley City, students need to submit a completed "Youth Participation Registration Worksheet" and \$175 non-refundable deposit before Wednesday, October 21, 2026. Wendi has the forms and additional information.

About the ELCA Youth Gathering:

This year's theme is "Imagine More" -- imagine more love, welcome, grace, joy, and courage. *Through the Gathering, young people come together to experience the unity of Christians and understand their role in the community of the larger church... The ministry of the Gathering seeks to remind young people that God is already at work in them for the sake of the whole world. Often there are pressures and fears that limit their sense of worth and their ability to change the world. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit, God invites young people to imagine more, immeasurably more, for their own lives, the city of Minneapolis, the body of Christ and the life of the world. Learn more at elca.org/Gathering.*



2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Thanks for serving! If you are able to help, please sign up @ table in back Sanctuary.

DATE	USHERS	GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	COFFEE HOSTS
10/04	Rob & Dee Nelson	Tristan O.	Diane K.	Garter O.	OPEN
10/11	OPEN	OPEN	Michael H.	Ryder C.-O.	Mission Breakfast
10/18	Trent/Rachel Johnson	Cambrie W.	Rachel J.	Trent J.	Jerry & Michelle D.
10/25	Korbyn Boom & fam	OPEN	Confirmands	Ryder C.-O.	WELCA

4 *Nineteenth Sun. after Pentecost*

9 am Sunday School (Kndg-gr.6)

10 am Worship/Holy

Communion

11 am Coffee Fellowship

11:15 am Confirmand meeting

(10th-11th gr.)

5 Pr. Diane's Sabbath

12 pm Sr. High

Youth lunch @ OSLC

6 10:30 am Bible

Study group @

ODC crafting

4 pm Christian Ed

meeting

7 9 am Quilters

10 am Worship @ Bridgeview

3:15-5 pm Kids Club @ Faith

6:30 pm Confirmation @

Faith (gr. 7-9)

7:30-9 pm Sr. High Youth @

OSLC (gr. 10-12)

8

1 pm Worship

3:30 pm

Outreach/Steward-

ship meeting

9

10

10 am - 1 pm

Faith Lutheran

Fall Festival

11 *Twentieth Sun. after Pentecost*

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

9 am Sunday School (Kndg-gr. 6)

10 am Worship

10:30 am - 12:30 pm Mission

Breakfast for Casa de Fe

11 am Info mtg re:parsonage

6 pm Set up for Comm. Closet @ OSL

12

Pr. Diane's Sabbath

12 pm Sr. High

Youth lunch @ OSLC

5-7 pm APOC

fundraiser @ Eagles

5-7 pm Community

Closet @ OSLC

13

10 am Bible

Study @

Bridgeview Est.

6:30 pm Church

Council

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9 am Quilters

3:15-5 pm Kids Club @

Faith (gr. 4-6)

6:30 pm Confirmation @

Faith (gr. 7-9)

6:30-7:30 pm Sr. High Youth

@ Epworth (gr. 10-12)

15

1 pm Worship

Cmte meeting

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18 *Twenty-first Sun./Pentecost*

9 am Sunday School (Kndg-gr.6)

10 am Worship/Holy

Communion/Baptism

11 am Coffee Fellowship

9:30 am-12:30 pm Faith Lutheran

Pancake Brunch

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Pr. Diane's Sabbath

12 pm Sr. High

Youth lunch @ OSLC

12 pm WELCA

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10:30 am Bible

Study @ TLC

12 pm WELCA

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9 am Quilters

3:15-5 pm Kids Club @

Faith (gr. 4-6)

6:30 pm Confirm. Youth

Food Pantry collection

7:30-9 pm Sr. High Youth @

OSLC (gr. 10-12)

22

1-3 pm Memory

Café @ Faith

Lutheran Church

23

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25 *Reformation Sunday... wear red!*

Confirmation Sunday

No Sunday School

10 am Worship/Holy

Communion

11 am Coffee Fellowship

11 am Coffee Fellowship

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Pr. Diane's Sabbath

12 pm Sr. High

Youth lunch @ OSLC

27

10:30 am Bible

Study @ TLC

28

9 am Quilters

3:15-5 pm Kids Club @

Faith (gr. 4-6)

6:30 pm Confirmation @

Faith (gr. 7-9)

6:30 pm Sr. High Youth @

Epworth (gr. 10-12)

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