



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
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*"Love God. Love Others."*

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

### **Worship**

Sundays, 10 a.m.

### **Sunday School**

Oct. 19th—May 23rd  
 9-9:45 a.m.

### **Bible Study**

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 am

### **Pastor:**

Rev. Diane Krumm  
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### **Office Staff:**

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

### **Treasurer/Expenses:**

Kaneia Kinney

### **Offerings Secretary:**

Karen Magnuson

### **Custodians:**

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

# Trinity "Tidings"



*This will be a sign for you:  
 you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and  
 lying in a manger.*

Luke 2:12

Are you sneaky? Especially at Christmas time? I have done a few "sneaky" things. I have wrapped a very small gift in a very big box. I have wrapped a small box with clues to where the real present is hidden. I have even said I was heading to one place, and then I made multiple stops in search of just the right gift. Perhaps you have been part of some type of "sneaky" Christmas maneuver.

Such activities are fun with the goal of surprising and delighting the receiver with a special gift. It is a way to show others how much they mean to us because we have taken the time to pull off such elaborate schemes.

However, this can also be a "sneaky" time of year because the big picture can get lost. We know "Jesus is the reason for the season." But activities, decorations, and gifts can fool us into acting as though these things are more deserving of our time and attention than Jesus.

Christmas is a celebration of the Son of God coming to us in flesh and blood. And for all the cleverness I have tried to use over the years to give that special gift – I know God has me beat when it comes to gifts that surprise and delight. Who else would have thought of wrapping the Savior of the world in a little baby born in Bethlehem? Who else would have left messages through ancient prophets of a not-so-hidden gift being found in Jesus? Who else would let us pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven..." and then always be with us everywhere we go? Who? Of course, it is our loving and imaginative God who wants us to be surprised by His grace and delighted in His presence.

This season I encourage you to reflect on how you can point to Jesus as you engage in any "sneaky" maneuvers – ponder how you can unwrap and reveal Jesus to those you encounter. What gifts can you give that will surprise and delight your receiver with the assurance of Christ's peace? What activities and traditions can be used to strengthen faith? Let your imaginations make use of all your cleverness and faith.

May God bless your Advent preparations and your Christmas celebrations. And may you be surprised and delighted by our Lord coming to us ever anew.

In Christ,  
 Pastor Diane Krumm



16th Annual  
 "Sounds of the Season"  
 @ OSLC 12:10-12:50 p.m.  
 Wednesdays, Nov. 30;  
 Dec. 7, 14, & 21

**Featured performers:** Nov. 30 (Judy Karch);  
 Dec. 7th (Faye Bubach), 14th (Rev. Brad Edin),  
 21st (Beth Quick Berge)

Bring your own lunch and listen to some delightful Christmas music in the Sanctuary @ Our Savior's Luth. Church (138 3rd St. NW). All are welcome!



All are welcome to join us this Christmas season for the following Worship services at Trinity Lutheran Church:  
**Saturday, December 24th  
 @ 4 p.m.:  
 Christmas Eve  
 Candlelight Worship  
 & Holy Communion**  
**Sunday, December 25th, 10 a.m.  
 Christmas Day Worship  
 with Holy Communion.**



### VC Community Gift Tree

In this season of giving, and making sure Barnes County families enjoy a nice Christmas, Dacotah Bank is sponsoring the Community Gift Tree. If you would like to contribute, you may drop off your gift-wrapped donation (label boy or girl & age) to Dacotah Bank (240 3rd St. NW, VC) by Dec. 16.

Dacotah Bank will partner with Abused Persons Outreach Center (APOC) for distribution of gift donations. Monetary gifts are also accepted. Contact Dalene Bock for ?'s (701)845-2712.



### 50th Annual Community Christmas Eve Dinner

*St. Catherine's Church Dining Hall  
 Sat., Dec. 24th, 2022, 5:30—7 p.m.*

For those who will be alone this Christmas, come celebrate Jesus' birthday with other community members. If you need transportation, please call 845-0556 from 1-4 p.m. on Dec. 24th. Sorry, no deliveries.

Monetary or dessert donations are welcome. For questions or to volunteer, please call Jessica Storhoff (845-0354). Financial donations can be mailed to: St. Catherine Church, Attn: Christmas Eve Dinner, 540 3rd Ave. NE, VC



At TLC we are blessed with many who share their time & talents. In this newsletter, we would like to thank the following TLC folk who have helped with recent projects: **Michael Hoff**, for assembling the Sunday School classroom tables and Pr. Diane's new desk; **Fall Festival workers**, for organizing/baking/cooking, etc. this year's festival, which was a success (approx. \$3,000 profit); **Pat Larson, Kevin & Elsa Kamphuis, Rochelle**, for decorating the Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas.

### Poinsettias for Christmas

If you plan to give a donation towards a poinsettia plant, please fill out below info and return this form to the church **no later than Dec. 14th**. You may either give money towards a plant (\$20 recommended donation) or order the plant yourself and bring it to the church by Dec. 20th.



\_\_\_\_ We plan to buy a plant and deliver to the church by Dec. 20th.

\_\_\_\_ We are enclosing \$\_\_\_\_ to go towards the Christmas plant fund.  
 Church office will order a predetermined amount of plants to adorn our sanctuary.  
 (Recommended donation is \$20, but any amount would be appreciated.)

Name of person(s) giving: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) it is given in memory/honor of (please circle memory or honor):  
 \_\_\_\_\_



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The Sunday school students have two practices left before their program. We will practice Dec. 4 & Dec.

11 during our regular Sunday school time. Children in grades 3-6 need to bring their scripts with them to each practice. Also, on December 11<sup>th</sup> ALL children need to bring a hat, gloves/mittens, or a scarf to wear during our performance. It should be something that is easy take on/off. Our program will take place on December 11<sup>th</sup> during our 10:00 a.m. worship. The children should dress in their Sunday best for the program. Please invite your friends and family to watch!

### IMPORTANT DATES:

December 4 - Christmas Program Practice  
 December 11 - Christmas Program Practice (9:00 a.m.) & Christmas Program Performance (10 a.m.)  
 December 18, 25 & Jan. 1: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 January 8 - Sunday School meets  
 January 15 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 January 22 & 29 - Sunday school meets

Submitted by Rebecca Westman, Christian Ed Rep



**PreK—Gr. 6:** Family Skate Night on Sun., Dec. 4th, 6-8 p.m. (rescheduled from 11/20) @ Rec Center. Bring your whole family for skating & fellowship with other TLC families!



**Gr. 4-6:** Kids Club @ Faith Lutheran: every Wednesday after school until 5 p.m.  
 Registration is required: christianedtlc@bektel.com.

**Gr. 9-12:** FREE Senior High lunch @ OSLC every Monday (gr. 9 @ 11:15 a.m.; gr. 10-12 @ 12:15 p.m.)



Trinity WELCA is hosting a Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 20th @ 5:30 p.m. (@ TLC) to "Thank" all those who helped with Fall Festival this year: organized, set up, cleaned up, supplied baked goods/gift baskets, made quilts, & shopped! Party attendees are asked to bring a "white elephant" gift for a game prize. Please RSVP to TLC office by Tues., Dec. 13th.



The next breakfast fundraiser for Casa de Fe will be on Sunday, Jan. 8th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be no breakfast in December.

## Confirmation Corner (gr. 7-9)

**Dec. '22/Jan. '23**

Confirmation class schedule for Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. @ OSLC

**Thurs., Dec. 1st, 6 p.m.:** Parade of Lights, downtown VC. Meet at Faith Lutheran @ 4 p.m. for pizza & float decorating, then line up for/participate in the parade.

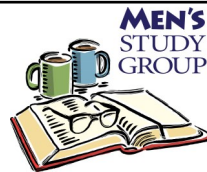
**Sat., Dec. 3rd:** Feed My Starving Children project in Mayville. All spots for this event have been filled! Participants will meet @ Faith and depart at 9:45 a.m., and will return to VC around 4 p.m.

Class schedule (Wednesdays) for Dec. & Jan.:  
 Dec. 7th (No class Dec. 14, 21, 28) @ OSLC  
 Jan. 11, 18, 25 (No class Jan. 4) @ OSLC



### Snacks/refreshments needed!

This year Confirmation students from Faith Lutheran, Our Savior's Lutheran, and Trinity Lutheran have been meeting together weekly for class and activities. Faith hosted September and October. Our Savior's is hosting December and January. **Trinity will host in February and April.** The hosting congregation serves sandwiches and snacks to the group. Whether or not you have a youth in confirmation, **donations of snacks/bars or monetary gifts would greatly be appreciated.** Please contact Rebecca Westman or Pastor Diane if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!



**MEN'S STUDY GROUP**  
 Pastor Diane is wondering if there is interest in starting a Men's Bible Study at Trinity. She would appreciate your input. What time and day works best for you? Would you like to focus on a particular book of the Bible or a theme? We would wait until after the holidays to start — possibly mid-January. Contact her if you are interested and share your ideas. 701-840-7548.



As you're setting up/taking down Christmas décor, please keep in mind the TLC Rummage Sale room for anything you're wanting to discard/not use anymore. The Mission team intends on adding a Christmas Sale during next year's (2023) Fall Festival.





Family/Friends of **Walt Fadness** (11/26 funeral @ TLC), **Lorraine Olson** (12/02 funeral @ TLC), **Emily Kracht** (11/19 funeral in St. Peter, MN); **Linda Westby, Joe Jongeward, Chad Henningsgard, LaVonne Lawrence**; Others in need/tragedies; our SYNOD /Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth; our **ELCA/Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton**; our **missionaries; military women/men** (Steve Frizell); **Our Synod Partners: Central African Rep.; Peace**

Thank you to everyone who helped make "Life, Lefse, and Leftovers" program a great afternoon. We had lots of laughs and good music and raised \$824 for Abused Persons Outreach Center. Special thanks to "The Sisters" (aka. Rhonda Knodle, Claudette Carlson, and Jan Bakke). And special thanks to Jason Anderson for set up/sound system support.



The donation was not designated, but an example of how these funds may be used would be to provide counseling to help a survivor counter the destructive messages they received in an abusive relationship and be empowered to heal and grow. A counseling session costs \$100, which means our donation could pay for 8 sessions.

*Abused Persons Outreach Center of Valley City is committed to providing crisis intervention, support, and counseling services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and to promoting educational and prevention programs that are the catalyst in facilitating change in societal attitudes and behaviors. APOC's crisis line operates 24 hours, 7 days a week, to provide crisis intervention and advocacy services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Crisis Line: 701-845-0072.*



### A Virtual Blue Christmas Service: Dec. 21st, 7 p.m.

This virtual Blue Christmas service offers a safe place to bring your grief, fear, and loss. The service includes brief readings, quiet and reflective music, and prayers. All are welcome. The service takes place at 7 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 21st.

Two options to view:

- Via Zoom – visit [womenoftheelca.org/event](https://womenoftheelca.org/event) to register. You will need to register online, and you will be able to view the service in the privacy of your own home.
- In-person at Trinity Lutheran's Library: Pastor Diane will register for the group and set up for the service to be viewed in a small group setting.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Diane (701-840-7548).

## November 2022 Memorials

### Pew Cushions/Memorial fund

In memory of **Gloria Becker**

Given by Kathy Brobst Clark & Don Clark

In memory of **Dale Elliott**

Given by Kathy Brobst Clark & Don Clark

In memory of **Lowell Komrosky**

Given by Carol Olson

In memory of **Gini Stevens**

Given by Carol Olson

In memory of **Robert Pearson**

Given by Roger & Rochelle Triebold family

### Altar Guild

In memory of **Margie Eggert**

Given by the Eggert family

### Quilters

In memory of **Gloria Becker**

Given by Mary Etta Moore

In memory of **Daisy Coulter**

Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Walt Fadness**

Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Lorraine Olson**

Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

### Casa de Fe

In memory of **Gloria Becker**

Given by Pat Beil Walters & Bernie Walters



Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family/friends of:

**Walter Fadness**, who died on Nov. 20th, 2022, in Lisbon, ND. His funeral was held at Trinity on Nov. 25th, 2022.

**Lorraine Olson**, who died on Nov. 18th, 2022, in Mayville, ND. Her funeral will be held at Trinity on Dec. 2nd, 2022.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5: 4*

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2022:**

**Council President:** Diane Kracht

**Vice Pres.:** Randy Ladbury

**Secretary:** Linda Anderson

**Other members:** Jennifer Jenness, Russ Larson, Gene Langemo, Rodney Moore, Bruce Anderson, Kim Wittenberg

### **November 8, 2022 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Present:** Diane Kracht, Pastor Diane, Kaneia Kinney, Linda Anderson, Randy Ladbury, Rodney Moore, Kim Wittenberg, Russ Larson, Bruce Anderson   **Absent:** Jennifer Jenness, Gene Langemo

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Diane Kracht

**II. DEVOTION / PRAYER** – Pastor Diane, Isaiah 43

**III. CORRESPONDENCE** – Nothing

**IV. AGENDA REVIEW/ADDITIONS** – Linda made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Kim, approved by Council.

**V. MINUTES of Last Meeting** – Rodney made a motion to approve October minutes; seconded by Bruce, approved by Council.

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT** – Randy made a motion to approve the October Treasurer's report; seconded by Russ, approved by Council.

**VII. Pastor's Report:** See report

### **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Christian Education & Youth**/Rodney Moore/Diane: First communion will be held on a Sunday during Lent; October 30<sup>th</sup> was our Halloween Bash for grades K-6, nine kids participated; December 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Sunday School Christmas program during church.
2. **Endowment**/Randy Ladbury: Next meeting is in December 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Global Missions**/Jennifer: nothing at this time.
4. **Outreach**/Diane & Gene: A Thanksgiving baskets offering will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> and donations can be dropped off at the church office until Nov. 16; Sending cards to those that may need to be uplifted will continue.
5. **Property**/Russ, Gene & Bruce: The carpet in the sanctuary still needs to be re-glued in some areas; Faucet in the bathtub upstairs at the parsonage will be fixed; Parsonage gutters have been cleaned out by Kellen; Garage insulation still needs to be done; The water heater in the kitchen needs to be looked at. This is the only water heater that needs to be turned off and on.
6. **Stewardship**/Linda A: Nothing at this time.
7. **Worship-Music**/Diane: Nothing at this time.
8. **WELCA (Women of ELCA)**/Kim Wittenberg: The Fall Festival was on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, it was a good turnout; Rodney made a motion to pay for a new microwave for the kitchen, seconded by Kim, approved by Council.

### **IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Sound System: Jason Anderson was here to present a new proposal. It was tabled until next meeting when we can get a new quote.
- B. Direct Deposit: It would cost \$150/month to have employees paychecks direct deposited. The consensus was to pass at this time.
- C. All of the old sanctuary lights are now gone.

### **X. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Mission Support: How do we want to pay this—as a flat donation or a percentage? Tabled until we set up the budget.
- B. Christmas Services: Christmas Eve service will be at 4 pm and Christmas Day service will be at 10 am.
- C. Emergency Contact people: Pastor Diane, Rochelle Triebold, Rebecca Westman, council president are listed with the fire department/911 dispatch.

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- D. Annual Meeting date: This date will be January 22nd, 2023.
- E. Nomination Committee (2 from council and 2 from congregation): Diane and Linda from council will do it. We will need to elect two new council members and one for Endowment.
- F. Budget 2023/Annual Meeting agenda at December/January Meeting.
- G. Snow Removal: Russ made a motion to have ACB remove snow from the church and parsonage, seconded by Rodney; approved by council. The rate is \$90/time for sidewalks and \$60/time for parking lots.

XI. Next meeting will be December 13th, 2022 at 6:30pm.

XII. A motion was made by Rodney to adjourn meeting, seconded by Linda; approved by Council. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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## "God's Work. Our Hands."

### October 2022 Financial

Beginning Balance (as of 10/01/22):	\$ 5,659.39
Income:	\$ 9,861.44
Expenses:	\$15,260.59
Ending Balance (as of 10/31/22):	\$ 260.24

### November 2022 Worship Attendance

Nov. 6th: 57 13th: 51 20th: 39 27th: 41



A blessed ADVENT,  
CHRISTMAS, & NEW  
YEAR'S to you from  
us!

Pr. Diane  
Kaneia

Rochelle

Karen

Naomi

Jerry & Michelle

Amy



**Bell ringers needed!** The VC Salvation Army Kettle campaign has begun and is in need of bell ringers! Sign up to ring by calling Naomi at (701)541-1418 or Lenora at (701)840-1357. Thanks!



Mark your calendar for the Trinity Lutheran Church Annual meeting on **Sunday, Jan. 22nd, 2023**, after 10 am Worship. Potluck to follow the meeting. Committee heads/treasurers, please have your reports/financial books into the church office by **Jan. 5th** for our auditing team.

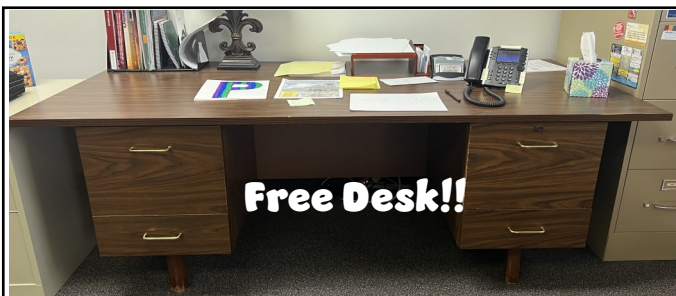


TLC Sunday School  
children present their 2022  
Christmas program

## "No Time for Christmas"

Sun., Dec. 11th during 10 a.m. Worship

"No Time for Christmas" is a play about a group of friends who discover the importance of keeping Jesus as their focus during their many Christmas activities and celebrations.



**Free Desk!!**

If you can haul it out, you can have it!! This is the old desk in the pastoral office. It measures: 6'x 3'x 28 3/4". Please contact TLC office, if interested.