



June 2022

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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

Sunday School

Will resume in the fall.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 am

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Robert Franek

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Office hours: M-Th,
10 am—4 pm

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Rochelle Triebold

Summer hours: 9 am-3 pm,
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Kaneia Kinney

Offerings Secretary:

Karen Magnuson

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Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity "Tidings"



When I was in grade school the beginning of summer was always filled with excitement and possibility. I loved school but always looked forward to these quieter summer days, though I loathed the heat. Many years I joined the summer reading program at the public library. I especially enjoyed the "choose your own adventure" books that give the reader various plot choices throughout the story. I would always go back and read all the possibilities too. The end of August and the start of a new school year always felt a long way off at the start of June. There was time and possibility for so many things. Everything imaginable felt at least possible if not doable in these twelve weeks.

This year as I approach the early days of June and remember the fleeting days of summer that always passed too quickly, I am also mindful of how much we've been through as a people in the past two years. We are still living in a global pandemic that has claimed the lives of over one million people in this country. The long-term effects of Covid and long Covid are still being discovered and studied. Our country continues to grapple with racism that is entrenched in our societal life. The human suffering from war in Ukraine is heartbreaking. And mass shootings like we have recently seen in Buffalo at a grocery store and in Uvalde at an elementary school continue to plague our country like no other on the planet.

There have been endless calls over the past two years from every corner to simply, "go back to normal." These pleas never sat well with me, both as a practical matter and as a matter of faith.

Practically, there can never be any "going back" no matter how much we invoke it. There is only *going forward*. We can only go forward considering where we have been and all that has taken place.

As a matter of faith, we are both Good Friday and Easter people. The cross and resurrection are inseparable. Resurrection does not undo the wounds of crucifixion but transforms them. Still, the marks of crucifixion are ever with us.

It is the promise of resurrection, the promise of new life, the promise that death does not have the last word, that continues to uphold us through unprecedented trauma and grief in our world. The compounding and magnitude of the events in our world are beyond what our minds and bodies have evolved to handle. And to these we add the particularities of our own life struggles from health to finances to friend and family relationships. It's a lot, and it does no one any good to deny it.

I encourage you in these summer months to do whatever it is that you need to do to care well for your body and mind, heart and soul. Tend to the grief and trauma of the past months and years and know there is no one right way to process all that has taken place, only what is right for you. And as we tend to our own care and healing, what shall our witness be for our collective healing, for the healing of the nations?

As we receive God's steadfast love and grace anew, may it flow through us in reconciling love for the sake of all people and all creation. Breathe and trust that the promise of new life is for you.

Pr. Robert Franek

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

Cindy Schaefer (brain surgery/Cal & Geri Schaefer's daughter-in-law), Ethel Heckman, Kate Lehr (Pat Beil's grt-niece); **Others in need/tragedies**; our SYNOD /Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth; our **ELCA /Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton**; our missionaries; military men/women; **OUR SYNOD PARTNERS: Central African Republic**; victims, friends/family of TX school shooting; **PEACE (Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine)**



TLC good "Stewards" collected various items for the Abused Person's Outreach Center (APOC), as part of their spring stewardship project. Thank you to ALL who donated items for this project, to help those in need!



The 2022 Crop Walk was held on Wednesday, May 4th, near Jefferson school & Hanna Field. Several of TLC Confirmation students and their parents walked, plus a few other TLC members (Diane Kracht, Al Adams) and Pr. Robert. Our special offering for this charity was a little over \$500. Thanks again to all who contributed!!

If you are willing to provide treats & serve coffee for a particular Sunday (after Worship) during the summer months, please sign up at the back table next to sound system cabinet. Thanks!



TLC Piecemakers Quilting group

Can you tie a knot?? TLC quilting group is needing volunteers for our quilt mission. Please come join us weekly on Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. We are also in need of flat bed sheets for quilt backing.



Sunday morning breakfasts to return! After a two year hiatus, the CDF mission team will again be hosting **Sunday morning breakfasts the second Sunday of the month** in Trinity's dining room. All Trinity members and the community are invited to join us for the first breakfast on June 12. All funds raised go to help support the children at CDF.

2022 Annual Rummage Sale planned! Watch for details related to Trinity's Annual Rummage sale to be held in August. You can help the Casa de Fe team prepare for this as you work to declutter your home or office. Items to be included in the sale can be brought to the church basement to the room marked RUMMAGE SALE. Items NOT accepted are: TV's, computers, large appliances, adult clothing. For furniture, please contact Pat Beil or the church office to view for approval.

Trinity WELCA is reorganizing the Funeral Hospitality groups. Please look at the below list of ways you can help, place an "X" in the box of your choosing, and drop off @ TLC, or give to Jeanne Wobbema.

Name: _____ Ph. #: _____ Best time to call: _____

- ☐ I would furnish bars for the funeral.
- ☐ I would help set up for the funeral.
- ☐ I would work in the kitchen for the funeral.
- ☐ I would work any of the above.

Thanks for your help with this!!!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Thank you to our Sunday school and Confirmation students for a wonderful Youth Led Worship on May 15th. You brought a smile to us all!

We are looking for volunteers that are willing to help with VBS sack lunches on Thursday, June 9th at 3:30 p.m. We also need volunteers to help at VBS on the 8th/9th from 9 am -3 pm, or on the 10th from 9 am - noon. **No teaching is involved!** These are great service projects for our confirmation students. If you are able to help assemble sack lunches/assist at VBS please email or call Rebecca Westman at RebWes@outlook.com /840-1365. With your help, this will be another memorable year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 8-10 VBS (registration is closed)

Grade 7-12 Youth:

Saturday, June 11 - **Redhawks game!**

We will be leaving Faith Lutheran at 4:15.

The church will buy your ticket, but you need money for food. There is a limited number of spaces available.

Deadline to sign up: Monday, June 6th

Contact Rebecca Westman to sign up:

Email: christianedtlc@bektel.com

Text/call: (701)840-1365



Tues.-Thurs., July 18-20—**Youth trip to Minneapolis!**

We will be going with Faith & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches, spending time volunteering and a fun day at Valley Fair!



WELCA is starting to gather supplies for **Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal care kits**. Last year we depleted our entire inventory by sending extras to a need in our community, so we are starting with nothing this year. We will be collecting the below **NEW items from June 1 to July 10**. Please place your items in the Gathering Area. Please consider helping this cause.

Bath towels (darker colors preferred; 20"x40" / 52"x27")

Nail clippers, toothbrushes, hair combs

Bars of soap (any brand, left in original packaging)

May 2022 Memorials

PEW CUSHIONS: In memory of **Rita Grant** (given by Roger & Cindy Weisenburger); In memory of **Marly Cole** (given by LeRoy & Karen Magnuson)

MEMORIAL FUND: In memory of **Carter Bowman** (given by Nancy Bartz)

CASA de FE: In memory of **Connie Pederson** (given by Sue Martin); In memory of **Lois Hanson** (given by Roger & Rochelle Triebold family)

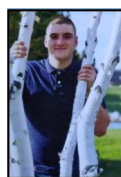
WELCA: In memory of **Dorothy Olson** (given by Mary Etta Moore)

Class of 2022

On Sunday, May 15th, we recognized our TLC'ers graduating from high school & college:

Graduating from Valley City High School:

Jalynn Anderson, daughter of Brandi Johnson, will be attending VCSU majoring in Business Management & a minor in Marketing.



Tyler Compson, son of Mark & Becky Compson, will be joining the family business, Compson Trucking, as a driver.

Emma Langemo, daughter of Gene Langemo & Bobbi Jo Langemo, is still deciding on her next path after graduation.



Jenna Lindgren, daughter of Chris & Melanie Lindgren, will be attending VCSU to pursue a degree in Psychology.

Brooklyn Triebold, daughter of Roger & Rochelle Triebold, will be attending Minnesota State University-Mankato to pursue a degree in Dental Hygiene.



College Graduates:

Jacob Jenness, son of Pete & Jennifer Jenness, graduated from University of MN-Morris, with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and a Minor in Political Science.

Jordan Magnuson, son of Scott & Debbie Magnuson, graduated from Minnesota State University-Moorhead, with a double major in Criminal Justice and Sociology.

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

May 2022 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

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

Absent: None



I. CALL TO ORDER – Diane Kracht

II. DEVOTION / PRAYER – Pastor Robert; Peace

III. CORRESPONDENCE – none

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

V. MINUTES of Last Meeting – Jennifer made a motion to approve the April minutes; seconded by Bruce, approved by Council.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT – Linda made a motion to approve the April Treasurer's report; seconded by Gene, approved by Council.

VII. PASTOR'S REPORT – see report

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Christian Education & Youth/Rodney Moore: Confirmation class for grades 7 thru 9 finished and will resume in fall. Evening book club - 22 people are registered. Youth /mission trip to Minneapolis in July.

2. Endowment/Randy Ladbury: nothing to report

3. Global Missions/Jennifer: nothing to report

4. Outreach/Diane & Gene: 11 confirmation kids participated in the Crop Walk. Summer food program through the VCHS.

5. Property/Russ, Gene & Bruce: Parsonage update costs: Bathroom, boiler, insulation & garage, labor, plumber, this does not include the electrician = \$21,564. G.O. Painting has taken care of the sanctuary.

6. Stewardship/Linda A.: We are collecting items for the Abused Persons Outreach Center until May 15th. A list of items is in the Gathering area.

7. Worship-Music/Diane: all is going well.

8. WELCA (Women of ELCA)/Kim Wittenberg: Funeral restructuring; Sent many boxes of quilts to Lutheran World Relief today. June and July they will be collecting for health kits.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Call Committee update – They have interviewed one person and have received another profile to review.

B. Pew Cushions – the company that is installing the cushions is having a hard time getting the foam for the cushions. Plan to be here in June.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Lawn Care – Rodney made a motion the hire Kellen Westman to take care of the parsonage lawn at \$20 time for the 2022 summer; seconded by Gene, approved by Council. Westmans have volunteered to do the church lawn.

B. Newsletter – Rodney made a motion to continue sending the newsletter via email except to those requesting mailed copies;; seconded by Randy, approved by Council.

Next meeting will be June 14th, 2022 at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Rodney to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jennifer; approved by Council.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

April 2022 Financial

Beg. Balance (as of 4/01/22):	\$31,710.64
Income:	\$11,983.15
Expenses:	\$14,666.44
End Balance (as of 4/30/22):	\$29,027.35



May 2022 Worship Attendance

May 1: 49	May 22: 48
May 8: 52	May 29: 33
May 15: 83	