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

### Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

### Sunday School

Oct. 19th—May 15th  
 9-9:45 a.m.

### Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 am

### Interim Pastor:

Rev. Robert Franek  
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### Office Manager:

Rochelle Triebold  
 Hours: 9 am-3 pm, M-Th  
 Closed on Fridays

### Treasurer/Expenses:

Kanea Kinney

### Offerings Secretary:

Karen Magnuson

### Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

# Trinity "Tidings"



**VC Crop Walk for Hunger**  
**Wednesday, May 4th, 2022**  
**7 p.m.**

**Jefferson School & Hanna Field**

Together with other churches in VC, we'll raise funds to end hunger locally AND around the world. Everyone is welcome to join! Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries.

In many developing nations, people could walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. We walk to show solidarity and to bring awareness while raising funds for permanent change.

Donations can be dropped off at the TLC office up until day of the walk (5/04). We will also have a special offering on Sunday, May 1st, during Worship to collect donations.

Thanks for donating to this worthy cause!



TLC good "Stewards" continue collecting items for the Abused Person's Outreach Center (APOC), as part of their **spring stewardship project**. Please help us to help others in our community. You may **drop off your items in the Gathering Area until May 15th**. Items needed are:

New bed pillows	Nail clippers
Adult body lotion	Sunscreen
Ladies deodorant	Kids shampoo
Toothpaste	Toilet paper
Child's diapers (sz. 5)	Laundry detergent
Bath towels (dark color)	Bandages
Cleaning supplies	Antibacterial ointment
Antibacterial liquid Dial hand soap	

Let us all **spring** into action! The season is changing so let's make a difference in someone else's life.





*<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

*Acts 1:6-11*

The passage is from the last half of the Acts reading appointed for Ascension Day. Most congregations don't have Ascension Day services, though some may substitute these readings on the following Sunday (Seventh Sunday of Easter). However, for my first 10 years in ministry I served a congregation about an hour away from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. This college of our church has a Chapel which is located on one of the bluffs on the campus overlooking the Mississippi River. The Chapel is also on the second floor of this building and after walking the sidewalk steps and inside stairs ascending all the way one can feel in part why it is named Ascension Chapel.

Every year on Ascension Day, a Thursday in mid to late May, the college would host an Ascension Day service, breakfast, and often a speaker. I always enjoyed these services and one year was invited to preside. Every year we returned to these same strange readings about this event that for Luke, who wrote the two-volume work we know as Luke-Acts, gets the risen Christ from the confines of earth to the boundless reign at God's right hand.

As we saw on Easter Day with the two men in the tomb who asked the women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? (Luke 24.\_\_) so now in this story it is two men in white robes who address the disciples, "*Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?*" Over the years of going to those Ascension Day services I heard many preachers marvel and wonder about Jesus' dangling feet and the disciples looking up at them.

It is quite an image to imagine in our mind. But like at the empty tomb, so now, I believe the question is meant to redirect our attention. Why are we looking up, when indeed, we called and sent to be looking out into the world? This is where we will see and encounter Jesus.

It is a challenge to look out in our world today that is ripped by injustice and oppression, war and hunger, power and greed. But this is why we have one another in this meal-centered community of faith that connects our Lord's table to every table where we gather from kitchens and cafes to boardrooms and backyards with the abundant grace and reconciling love of Christ.

Ascension Day is May 26<sup>th</sup> this year. I invite you into the absurd wonder and awe of this mystery and celebration. And don't strain your neck looking up, but look out, look around you for the risen Christ to accompany you, surprise you, and continue turning fear into joy, apprehension into active love, and impossibility into trust and hope.

Pr. Robert Franek



### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

We are wrapping up our year of Sunday school with our last three classes together. **May 15<sup>th</sup> will be our last day of Sunday school** and the students will be participating in a **youth led worship service**. Please plan to have your child/family at worship that day. If you are unable to be there please let us know ASAP so that we can plan accordingly.

Also on May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be recognizing our Sunday School teachers, Confirmation teachers, and high school/college graduates. We hope all TLC families will come to Worship that morning to show your appreciation & recognize all these individuals!

We want to thank our Sunday school teachers and Confirmation teachers for giving their time this year to our students and families. Our PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers are Brooklyn Triebold, Kellen Westman, Carson Johnson, and Georgia Zaun. Our 3/4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher is Linda Anderson, and 5/6<sup>th</sup> is Rebecca Westman. We also want to thank Elsa Kamphuis, Rachel Johnson, Boyd Westman, Nicole and Sadie Olson for their willingness to fill in and help with teaching this year. Special thanks to Amy Anderson and Diane Kracht for teaching our Confirmation youth every Wednesday afternoon.



TLC members graduating this spring include: VCHS—Jalynn Anderson, Tyler Compson, Emma Langemo, Jenna Lindgren, and Brooklyn Triebold; from college include: Jacob Jenness (U of MN/Morris; bachelor degree in Computer Science & minor in Political Science), and Jordan Magnuson (MSUM/Moorhead; Bachelor degrees in Criminal Justice and Sociology). All of these graduates will be featured with more info again in our June newsletter and on Trinity Lutheran Church of Valley City Facebook page very soon.

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place **June 8-10<sup>th</sup>**. We will be partnering with Faith and Our Saviors Lutheran to host another fabulous 2.5 days together with our community of faith. Please watch for emailed registration details in May.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

May 1, 8, 15 - Sunday school is in session  
May 15 - **LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
June 8,9,10 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Submitted by Rebecca Westman



The family of **Brooklyn Triebold** invites you to her graduation open house on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 p.m. @ Dacotah Pavilion in Chautauqua Pk/VC. Grad ceremony takes place on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. in the Hi-Liner Activity Center.



**PreK – 6 Graders: May 15**

**End of Year Party, 1-3 pm**

Students are invited to an End of the Year Party to celebrate our year together. We look forward to another fun time of fellowship together.

**7-12<sup>th</sup> Graders: July 18-20, 2022**

### **Summer Youth Trip 2022 to Mpls**

Students are invited to sign up to join us for a youth trip to Minneapolis. Students will spend time doing volunteer activities and then spend a day at Valley Fair. The cost of this trip will be covered for any student who participated in serving coffee hour. There are still opportunities to serve if you would like to go. To sign up, please contact [christianed-tlc@bektel.com](mailto:christianed-tlc@bektel.com) !

### **Confirmation Corner – May 2022**

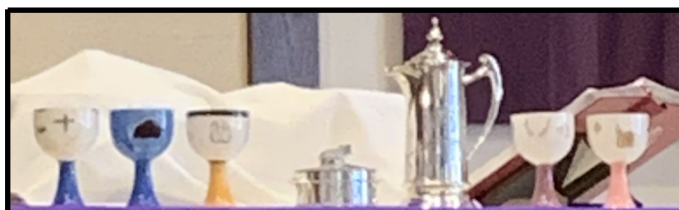
Confirmation classes for this school year are now done, and will resume in the fall. Teachers, Amy & Diane, will be meeting in the fall (two times) with the 9th graders to pick out their Bible verses in preparation for their Confirmation day.

A huge THANK YOU to Amy Anderson and Diane Kracht for leading our grades 7-9 Confirmation youth this year. Their planning and organizing do not go unnoticed, and we are so very grateful to them for all they do!

We continue with acolyting in May:

May 1: Chloe W. May 15: Sean B.

May 8: Tessa K. May 22 & 29: Anna Mae



**Sacraments Class 2022 Communion Chalice Painting**

Bentley W.  
Deanna K.  
Mercer B.  
Sara C.  
Ashtynn W.  
(Pr. Robert in background)





### ***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.



The TLC Youth will be taking a break from serving coffee fellowship during the summer months (June-Aug.). If you are willing to provide treats & serve coffee for a particular Sunday (after Worship) during

those 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.



### **"Eggs-ordinary" Women come for a "Eggstravanza" Brunch!**

**Saturday, May 14th at 10:30 a.m.  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, lower level**

A WELCA event for Valley City women & surrounding communities. Fun variety program including Just for Kix-dance group.



The Call Committee has reviewed a few Rostered Minister Profiles. We will be interviewing one candidate in the next week. We appreciate your continued prayers & support during this journey.

Tracey Zaun, Call Committee Chairperson



**Thank you** to those who financially contributed or brought their own plant to adorn our sanctuary for the season of Easter.

**Did you know?** Easter lilies are often called "the white-robed apostles of hope." Tradition has it that beautiful lilies sprung up where Christ's tears fell to the ground in His final hours of sorrow and deep distress. The triumphant and pure lilies commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and hope of life everlasting.

## **April 2022 Memorials**

### **PEW CUSHIONS**

In memory of **Elaine Dahl**  
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Lois Hanson**  
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

### **CASA de FE**

In memory of **Lois Hanson**  
Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

In memory of **Sherman Bishof**  
Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

In memory of **William Beil**  
Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

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

### **March 2022 Financial**

Beg. Balance (as of 3/01/22): \$29,505.25  
Income: \$16,190.17  
Expenses: \$13,984.78  
End Balance (as of 3/31/22): \$31,710.64

### **April 2022 Worship Attendance**

April 3: **43**  
April 10/Palm Sun.: **65**  
April 17/Easter Sun.: **81**  
April 24: **33**

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:**

**Pat Larson, Sean Buck, Frances Yokom, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Kate Lehr** (great-niece of Pat Beil); **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; PEACE (Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan)**



Dear Trinity Family,  
Thank you so much for the Retirement party, cards, gifts, lovely plant and well wishes. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. I truly enjoyed those years in the office! God's blessings to you all.  
Marleen Pytlik



## **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

### **April 2022 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:**

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

**Absent:** Gene Langemo, Kim Wittenberg, Kaneia Kinney, Rodney Moore



**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Diane Kracht

**II. DEVOTION / PRAYER:** Pastor Robert; John 12 and Reverend Dr. Winston Versod

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:** Barnes County Soil Conservation – program inserts 4/24 thru 5/01, 2022. Get 50 inserts.

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

**V. MINUTES of Last Meeting:** Linda made a motion to approve the March minutes; seconded by Bruce, approved by Council.

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jennifer made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's report; seconded by Russ, approved by Council.

**VII. PASTOR'S REPORT:** see report

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

**A. Christian Education & Youth/Rodney Moore:** We are still in need of substitute Sunday school teachers.

Confirmation class for grades 7 thru 9 every week with Amy & Diane teaching. Evening book club: 20 people are registered so far. Youth trip to Minneapolis in July. Sacraments class has went well and challis are done and will bake bread tomorrow (4/13). Next meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**B. Endowment/Randy Ladbury:** Last meeting was April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Pay for books for evening Bible Study class.

Endowment committee received \$600 back from Youth Convention registration refund. It was decided to let Youth use the money to fund a Youth Mission Trip in July.

**C. Global Missions/Jennifer** – nothing to report

**D. Outreach/Diane & Gene** – nothing to report

**E. Property/Russ, Gene & Bruce** – Microphone for lectern works well. The bathroom at the parsonage is done. Just cosmetic to complete. Parsonage garage insulation is done.

**F. Stewardship/Linda A** – We are collecting items for the Abused Persons Outreach Center until May 15<sup>th</sup>. A list of items is in the Gathering area.

**G. Worship-Music/Diane** – Continuing education for Pastor Robert will be the last week of April to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Randy will do pulpit supply on May 1.

**H. WELCA (Women of ELCA)/Kim Wittenberg** – They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at noon. Lenten suppers went well.

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

**A. Call Committee update:** no profiles at this time.

**B. Carpet:** Russ made a motion to replace the carpet on the side aisles by the windows since it is faded pretty bad, so please order the carpet for this from Valley Paint & Glass; seconded by Randy, approved by council. Money will be used from the Memorial fund.

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

**A. Amendment to Agreement with Pastor Robert:** Jennifer made a motion to continue Pastor Robert's contract through November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022; seconded by Bruce, approved by Council.

**B. ELCA Declaration to People of African Descent:** Is in the planning stages. Council will support if this is something that someone would like to attend. It is a community affair.

**C. 2022 EaND Synod Assemble Delegates:** June 4 & 5, 2022 in Fargo. Jeannie Wobbema and Pastor Robert attending. Jennifer made a motion for the TLC to pay for their registration; seconded by Randy, approved by Council. \$200 will be sent with for the offering.

**D. Parsonage Rent:** 30% housing allowance. \$1100 per month taxable income.

**Next meeting will be May 10th, 2022 at 6:30pm.**

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

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.