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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**

Resumes 9/10/23, 9 a.m.

### **Bible Study**

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Second Tuesday @

Bridgeview Est. @ 10 a.m.

### **Pastor:**

Rev. Diane Krumm

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### **Office Staff:**

Rochelle Triebold

**Summer hours (June-Aug.):**

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tu-Th

### **Treasurer/Expenses:**

Kaneia Kinney

### **Offerings Secretary:**

Karen Magnuson

### **Custodians:**

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

# Trinity "Tidings"



During the last week of June, Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity Lutheran Congregations hosted Vacation Bible School. It was two and half days packed with music, activities, and games – as we reflected on our Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Students in grades 1-6 were led by four camp counselors from Red Willow Bible Camp and a host of local volunteers. Pre-K and Kindergarten children were taught by local volunteers. A HUGE thank you to Rebecca Westman, Tessa Kinney, and Kellen Westman for volunteering from Trinity Lutheran.

On the day we focused on the Spirit, we used animal tracks to think about how to look for God's Spirit helping us. We looked at different pictures of animal tracks and talked about a few key differences between cat, dog, chicken, deer, rabbit, bear, and people tracks. And we reflected on how animal tracks tell us that an animal has been by and what kind of animal it is. We might not have seen the animal, but we know that it was there because it left its mark. In a similar way, the Holy Spirit is not something we can see or touch – but the Spirit leaves behind tracks – tracks of love. When we see or hear of people being supported or helped, we see tracks of love and know that God has been there. And even when we are having a bad day, God is still with us and we are to keep looking for tracks of love – because they are there even if we don't see them right away.

St. John writes in I John 4:12 – "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us."

May we look with curious and trusting eyes for God's tracks in our lives AND may we leave tracks of God's love on one another's hearts – as we seek to follow in Jesus' footsteps.



In Christ,  
 Pastor Diane



## **SUMMARY of the 2023 EaND SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

By Pr. Diane Krumm

On June 3-4, 2023, the Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA gathered together at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND for the thirty-sixth annual Synod Assembly under the theme of "Equip." There were a total of 293 people in attendance (176 Lay Voting Members; 85 Rostered Minister Voting Members; 32 Visitors).

The business items included hearing reports from officers, adopting the 2025 Synod Mission Plan (budget), election of a new Synod Vice President (Dr. Elna Solvang), elections for Synod Council positions and committees, and adopting four resolutions (some were amended). Participants also heard the State of the Synod from Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth and State of the ELCA from our churchwide representative, Rev. Lamont Wells.

We had two uplifting worship services with an emphasis on our Outdoor Ministries and Campus Ministries at Opening Worship and installation of our Synod Vice President at Closing Worship.

There were three workshop sessions with a total of ten different options. Three Equip Experiences included learning about and practicing FAITH5 with Pr. Amy Kippen, a Hand-Stretching Exercise by our Portico Representative, and Lectio Divina with Bishop Tessa.

Rostered Ministers and Congregations celebrating significant anniversaries were acknowledged, along with naming the congregations that have experienced Holy Closure in the past year.

A "Food for All Block Party" was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Saturday evening where financial gifts and food donations were collected for food ministries across the synod. A total of \$3550 was raised.

For more information, visit [eandsynod.org](http://eandsynod.org).



**Summer Office Hours**  
Just a reminder that TLC summer office hours are Tues—Wed—Thurs, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Mon. & Fri.

Normal hours (Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) will resume Monday, September 11.



**for CASA DE FE**  
(orphanage in Shell, Ecuador)

**Friday, Aug. 11th &  
Saturday, Aug. 12th**

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m. @ TLC dining room**

*Something for everyone!!*

*Rolls/coffee, walking tacos/bars will be for sale!*



### **August is By-Stander Awareness Month**

Bystander intervention refers to the act of recognizing a potentially harmful situation and choosing to intervene or respond in a way that could produce a safe and positive outcome. This philosophy of bystander intervention takes a community approach to creating an environment of dignity and respect for all. Little actions can have big effects, and bystanders don't have to do a lot to foster meaningful change.

**A Bystander Training Event will be held on August 15th, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at the GrandStay Inn on Winter Show Road. Register at: [vcgreendot.com/upcoming-events](http://vcgreendot.com/upcoming-events).** Everyone is welcome. To learn more about how you can help create a safer and kinder world, visit [www.vcgreendot.com](http://www.vcgreendot.com).



### **BISHOP'S Book Club: Summer Edition**

Come be in an online community and discuss a couple of Bishop Tessa's favorite novels – exploring themes related to faith and life. The next book club date is:

**Tuesday, August 8, 6:30-7:30pm – Psalm for the Wild-Built** by Becky Chambers

Zoomlink: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85236219429?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85236219429?pwd=YkpybFRQWDIiWnVQeGorWjVRZVhaZz09)

[pwd=YkpybFRQWDIiWnVQeGorWjVRZVhaZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85236219429?pwd=YkpybFRQWDIiWnVQeGorWjVRZVhaZz09)



### **Ministry Partner Visit Day Wed., Aug. 9th, 2023, 12—1 p.m. The Neighborhood Church**

730 27th St. N., Fargo, ND/(701)552-1950

Enjoy a great lunch, hear about God's work here, and learn how you can make a difference supporting this important missional ministry.

To help us plan food, please RSVP by Aug. 2.



Pr. Diane will be on vacation July 27-Aug. 7. If you are in need of emergency pastoral assistance, please contact the TLC office (845-3837, cell: 840-7548) or Pr. Kyle of Our Savior's Luth. Church (845-1328, OSLC ofc).



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

As our summer begins to wind down it is time again to be thinking of our Sunday school year. **The first day of Sunday School is September 10th, and we meet 9-9:45 a.m.** Here is the link to register your child for the 2023-2024 Sunday school year:

<https://form.jotform.com/232004861330140>

Also, we would welcome any one who is interested in teaching Sunday school (even if for just 1-2 Sundays/month, or as a substitute teacher). Please contact Rebecca Westman at 840-1365 (call/text) or email: [christianedtlc@bektel.com](mailto:christianedtlc@bektel.com).



On June 22-23, a group of 18 youth and 3 adults traveled to Minneapolis to visit Valley Fair and attend a Minnesota Twins game.

On July 9-14 a group of 10 youth and 3 adults traveled to Duluth, MN on a mission trip with the YouthWorks Program. During the week they served at various places in the Duluth community. They planted over 1,000 trees, spent time at care facilities with residents, picked up trash on beaches, and cleaned up hospital flower gardens.

### Upcoming Youth Events:

**Wed., Aug. 16th: FM RedHawks game in Fargo for youth grades 7-12** (joint adventure with youth from OSLC, Faith, & TLC). Cost: \$10/ticket. Please bring money for meal at the ballpark. Details are still being worked out, but depart VC around 5 p.m., with game time at 7 p.m. An email was sent to all TLC families of these youth on 7/26/23 with the sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054AAA82EA2F85-redhawks>

**Sept. 15-17: Castaway Club (near Detroit Lakes) retreat for youth grades 6-10.** Wendi Wilmes, Faith Lutheran Youth Director, will be taking a group of kids from TLC, Faith, & OSLC. This is truly a beautiful resort, and kids that have went in the past have absolutely loved it! In addition to worship, music, & speakers, there is a climbing wall, frisbee golf, game room, soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball, gaga pit, waterfront, great food & a coffee shop to enjoy during down time! This year's theme is, "In the beginning, God created". If interested, please plan on attending the **info meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 2nd @ 5:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church.**



**Wednesday, Sept. 13th:** Student/Parent informational meeting for youth going into grades 7-9.

**Wednesday, Sept. 20th:** First day of Confirmation class for youth grades 7-9.

*Please stay tuned for more info about time & location.*



Congratulations to TLC members, Peyton Zaun and Brooklyn Triebold, for being awarded the W.E. Erickson Scholarship for their Fall 2023 semester at their respective colleges.

Peyton is a Health Sciences major attending VCSU. Brooklyn is a Dental Hygiene major attending MN State University-Mankato.

Wilhelmenia 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.

This summer on Wednesday evenings from June 7th to Aug.

2nd, the Bridges Backpack program & Hi-Liner Pantry provided summer food assistance in the form of a summer grocery store at VCHS. Groceries were provided free to all students & families needing them. Thank you to TLC members Diane Kracht & Linda Anderson who helped by working at the store and unpacking food items onto shelves.



### School Kit items for LWR

Stay tuned for more details on what items are needed to complete school kits for Lutheran World Relief.



**Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe**  
**Sunday, August 13th**  
**10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

TLC Dining room

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





**In our Thoughts & Prayers:** Karen Kobbervig (cancer), Gary Botner (heart attack), Russ Larson (knee surgery), Linda Johnson (broken foot), LeRoy Magnuson, Sandie Dahl Mielke (Jerry's sis/ Aberdeen, SD), Jessica Carlblom Kuska (pregnancy), Chad Henningsgard, Nicole Gordon (Julie Yokom's niece/cancer); Casa de Fe orphanage in Ecuador; **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/ Alaska; PEACE (Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine)**



### 36th Annual Quilts & More Auction

**Saturday, Aug. 26th, 2023**

at Red Willow Bible Camp

1651 Jacob Drive, Binford, ND

#### Schedule:

**10 a.m.** Viewing open

**11 a.m.—12 p.m.** Lunch in Retreat Center

**12:30 p.m.** Live Auction in Chapel

**10 a.m.—2:15 p.m.** Silent Auction in Chapel

Live entertainment by Triplicity and Herlof Huso.

To learn more, visit: [www.redwillowministries.com](http://www.redwillowministries.com)



### Eastern ND Synodical Women's Organization Fall Convention 2023

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

Messiah Lutheran Church, 2010 Elm St. N., Fargo, ND

Keynote speaker: Rev. Kim Adams

Presiding pastor: Rev. Lexi Steinle

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

### May 2023 Financials

Beg. balance (as of 5/01/23):	\$ 3,098.38
Income:	\$ 9,650.51
Expenses:	\$14,415.93
Ending balance (as of 5/31/23):	\$ -1,667.04

### June 2023 Financials

Beg. balance (as of 6/01/23):	\$ -1,667.04
Income:	\$ 8,955.60
Expenses:	\$12,933.18
Ending balance (as of 6/30/2023):	\$ -5,644.62

### June

#### Worship Attendance:

June 4: **47**    June 18: **39**  
June 11: **47**    June 25: **45**

### July

#### Worship Attendance:

July 2: **41**    July 23: **38**  
July 9: **47**    July 30: **32**  
July 16: **44**

## June & July 2023 Memorials

### MEMORIAL/GENERAL FUND

In memory of **Lawrence & Verna Anderson**

Given by Jeanne Anderson

In memory of **Sylvia Nathan**

Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Dick Betting**

Giver unknown

### WELCA

In memory of **Sylvia Nathan**

Given by Carol Olson

In memory of **James Grindberg**

(Frances Yokom's brother)

Given by Frances Yokom

### CASA de FE

In memory of **Sylvia Nathan**

Given by Pat Beil Walters & Bernie Walters

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In memory of **Sylvia Nathan**

Given by Jerry & Julie Yokom

In memory of **James Grindberg**

Given by Jerry & Julie Yokom



**HOSPICE**  
RED RIVER VALLEY

Hospice of the Red River Valley is committed to making ongoing educational & support opportunities available to our communities. Grief support groups are offered both in-person and online and are free & open to the public. Online support groups:

**Grief Journeys for Widows:** first Tues. each month, 6:30—8 p.m.

**Grief Journeys for Adults:** second Tues. each month, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Loss of a Young Partner:** second Tues. each month, 1-2:30 p.m.

**Pregnancy & Infant Loss:** fourth Tues. each month, 6:30-8 p.m.

To register for any of the above, or find out more info on available programs, go online to [www.hhrv.org/grief-support](http://www.hhrv.org/grief-support) or call 1(800) 237-4629 and ask for the Grief Support Dept.

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2023:**

**Council President:** Linda Anderson

**Vice Pres.:** Kim Wittenberg

**Secretary:** Jennifer Jenness

**Other members:** Russ Larson, Gene Langemo, Bruce Anderson, Kathy Hoefs, Stan Flemmer

### **July 2023 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:** (TLC Council did NOT meet the month of June 2023)

Present: Pastor Diane, Linda Anderson, Russ Larson, Jennifer Jenness, Kim Wittenberg, Kathy Hoefs, Bruce Anderson, Stan Flemmer Absent: Gene Langemo, Kaneia Kinney

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Linda

II. **DEVOTION / PRAYER:** Pastor Diane, Matthew 6:21

III. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you from Naomi

IV. **AGENDA REVIEW / ADDITIONS:** Stan made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Kathy, motion carried.

V. **MINUTES of last meeting:** Russ made a motion to approve May minutes; seconded by Kim, motion carried.

VI. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jennifer made a motion to receive the May Treasurer's report; seconded by Stan, motion carried.

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

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

1. **Christian Education & Youth** – Jennifer:

- A. Confirm. class with Faith & OSLC will continue with the same structure this year as last year.
- B. Wilhemina Erickson scholarship applications: There were 2 applicants; each was granted a \$2000 scholarship. There was a question raised as to how many members this committee should have; Pr. Diane will check on this.

2. **Endowment** – Russ : no report

3. **Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship** – Gene/Linda:

- A. VCSU Vikings Night on Central is on Sept. 8; Diane Kracht is taking the lead on this. We have 100 goody bags to hand out at the event.

4. **Worship/Music** – Kathy: Pulpit supply:

- A. Council consensus was to raise the pulpit supply pay to match synod guidelines.
- B. There will be no outdoor service this summer due to the weather.

5. **WELCA (Women of ELCA)** – Kim:

- A. WELCA will be serving walking tacos at both Crazy Days and Summer Vikes on Central; they will also have coffee, water, sweet rolls, and bars at Crazy Days.
- B. Sent benevolent gifts to Great Plains Food Bank (\$100) and Ann Carlsen Center (\$150).

6. **Property/Gene, Bruce & Stan** –

**CHURCH:** Sidewalk: Bruce will follow up with the gas company.

Roof leak: may have been due to the major downpour; property members will keep an eye on it.

Insurance: Grinnell Insurance will no longer insure buildings older than 1950; Dacotah will transfer our insurance to a new company.

**PARSONAGE:** There was a leak in the boiler line, which led to a call from the city letting us know that we were losing 4 gallons of water an hour. Bruce will talk to Keith's about getting a bid to run a line through the ceiling instead of tearing up the cement to fix it. He will also follow up on the vents to the parsonage basement.

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

- A. Sound system: lots of positive comments on the sound system.
- B. Fireproof safe: Linda is working on this.

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

- A. AED: the AED pads are going to be outdated and need to be replaced; they are \$210/pack, and 2 packs are required. Council approved purchasing new packs when the current packs expire.

Next Council meeting will be August 15, 2023 at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Stan to adjourn meeting, seconded by Kim; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.