



February 2023

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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

Sunday School

Sept. 11th—May 14th
9-9:45 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 am
TLC Library

Pastor:

Rev. Diane Krumm
Email: ptlc@bektel.com
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Office Staff:

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

Treasurer/Expenses:

Kaneia Kinney

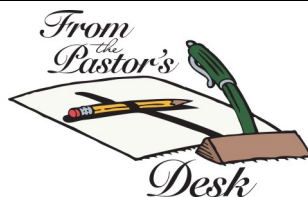
Offerings Secretary:

Karen Magnuson

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity Tidings



Now Jesus did many...signs in the presence of his disciples... these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31

The season of Lent is almost upon us. It begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. During Lent, we focus on discipleship as we travel with Jesus to the cross. For some, this means that they give up something as a way to remind themselves of the cost of being disciples and of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. For others, they may add something to their schedules, which involves giving up some time as well as doing something that will strengthen their discipleship and/or serve others.

While we are currently in a year where most of our Sunday gospel readings come from Matthew – during Lent this year, the gospel reading for four Sundays come from John. So, here is a suggestion for a Lenten discipline this year: read through the Gospel According to John. There are 40 days in Lent (Sundays are not counted). It will take about 3-5 minutes a day to read the whole book. A person could read it in one setting. But I invite you to spend time in prayer and reflection. With each day's reading, you may want to ask yourself questions like these: What word or phrase describes who Jesus is in this passage? What is God doing through Jesus? Where do I see myself in this reading? How is God calling me to respond to His Word?

You may have other or additional Lenten disciplines that you feel drawn to this year. I wish God's blessings on whatever path you travel for Lent. And whenever we read God's Holy Word, may the Spirit inspire us and lead us into a deeper relationship with Jesus and reveal to us who we are called to be as followers of Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane Krum



Mid-Week Lenten Service Schedule

This year we will be having guest preachers from several area churches share in our services.

The pastors will do a little traveling, but individual congregations' schedules remain the same. This year's theme is "I Love To Tell the Story." Pastors will preach on their favorite Bible story. Participating pastors are: James Desai (Faith); Diane Krumm (Trinity); Sharayah Robinson (Kathryn, Nome, Fingal); and Kyle Symanski (Our Saviors). This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other area pastors and share the journey to Christ's cross together.

Trinity Lutheran Schedule for Mid-Week Lenten Services:

Feb 22: 6:30 Ash Wednesday/Holy Comm. (Pr. Diane)

***Mar 1** – 6:30pm Service (Pastor Sharayah)

***Mar 8** – 6:30pm Service (Pastor Diane)

***Mar 15** – 6:30pm Service (Pastor Kyle)

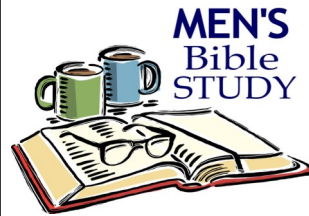
***Mar 22** – 6:30pm Service (Pastor Jamie)

***Mar 29** – 6:30pm Service (Pastor Diane)

Apr 6 – Maundy Thursday/Holy Communion (Pastor Diane)

Apr 7 – Good Friday (Pastor Diane)

(*Meal served beginning at 5:30pm on March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29; no meals on Ash Wednesday)



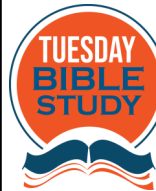
Wondering what to do when the NFL season ends? Don't just sit at home.

Come to Men's Bible Study at Trin-

ity's Library on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm.

Beginning February 19, Pastor Diane will be leading a series about the Gospel According to St. John, using Max Lucado's book, *Life Lessons from John: When God Became Man*. The book is available on Amazon, but you do not need a copy to participate.

Whether or not you are experiencing football withdrawal, you are invited to this time to learn and share together. The Bible Study is open to all area men. For more info, contact Pr. Diane.



The Tuesday morning Bible study group that meets those mornings at TLC library at 10:30 a.m. has changed their location on the second Tuesday of every month. They will be meeting at Bridgeview Estates in the front living room area at 10:30 a.m. So in February, that'll be on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. For March, it'll be March 14th. All other Tuesdays of the month will be held at Trinity library. All are welcome to join this group!



Giving Hearts Day

Help someone.

Giving Hearts Day was started in 2008 by Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation as the region's first one-day virtual fundraising event. Donors can easily give to various charities on Giving Hearts Day with just a few minutes of time.

We are hoping you will help us fuel our Eastern ND Synod's ministries and mission to "live in love as we equip, challenge and serve God's people" by making a gift on Giving Hearts Day **on Feb. 9th**. Here's how:

On (or before) Thursday, Feb. 9th:

1) Head to www.givingheartsday.org

2) Choose Eastern ND Synod (& other charities)

3) Make your gift. We are the living, breathing, heartbeat of Jesus Christ in the world today.

If you prefer to mail a donation to the Eastern ND Synod, please mail your check **before 2/04** to:

EaND Synod, P.O. Box 2019, Fargo, ND 58107

(please write GHD in the memo line, and date your check 2/09/23)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Sunday school is back in action after our Christmas break. We have been studying the life of Jesus after he was born.

Our 5th Grade students will be participating in the sacraments class for First Communion. A letter to our 5th grade parents was sent out with the schedule. See info box below for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 5th & 12th: Sunday school meets

Feb. 19th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Feb. 26th - Sunday school meets

Mar. 5th - Sunday school meets; 5th grade receives Holy Communion during worship

2023

MISSION TRIP



Duluth, MN

July 9-14, 2023

7th-12th graders

This is for youth from Trinity, Faith, and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches in VC. We will be going through the company, Youth-Works for this trip.

Info meeting for parents & students at 5:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 1st at Trinity Lutheran Church.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendi Wilmes (840-3911; or via email: wendi.wilmes@gmail.com).



Gr. 4-6: Kids Club @ Faith Luth.: every Wednesday after school until 5 p.m. Please RSVP Rebecca Westman if your child would like to participate in this.

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



First Communion Classes

At Trinity Lutheran, fifth grade is the time to learn about and begin receiving Holy Communion.

This year, we will be celebrating the youth's First Communion on Sunday, March 5th during 10 a.m. worship. In the past, First Communion has been on Maundy Thursday (the day we associate with Jesus beginning the sacrament of Holy Communion). However, Maundy Thursday service is a somber service which ends with the stripping of the altar (as we reflect on Jesus being stripped of his glory and life when he died on the cross) and everyone leaving in silence. The seriousness of the service makes it challenging for the whole congregation to celebrate this milestone with our youth. Having First Communion on a Sunday - allows for this. Please plan to attend services on March 5th and fellowship after the service. Let's celebrate and support our youth in this important milestone of their faith.

If you know of a youth that would like to participate in classes, please let Pastor Diane know. Classes start on February 1.

Confirmation Corner —February 2023

Confirmation class schedule for Wednesdays, 6:30— 8p.m. @ Trinity Lutheran Church

Feb. 1st & 15th : Class @ TLC

Feb. 8th: Community Action Night

Feb. 22nd/Ash Wed.: No Confirmation class; however, students are expected to attend 6:30 p.m Ash Wednesday service/ Holy Communion/Ashes @ TLC.

Acolytes for February:

Sunl, Feb. 5th: Carson Johnson

Feb. 12th: *acolyte needed*

Sun., Feb. 19th: Jaxon Baumgartner

Ash Wed., Feb. 22nd: *acolyte needed*

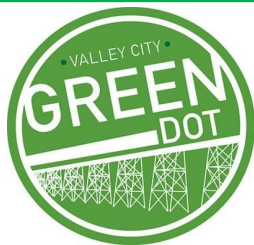
Sun., Feb. 26th: *acolyte needed*



Food, glorious food! It is probably no surprise that Confirmation students are hungry after a day of school (and sports practice). Faith and Our Saviors Churches have graciously fed the students sandwiches & snacks. When Trinity hosts confirmation class in February, let's do the same. Donations of money or individually packaged snacks would be greatly appreciated. For more info, contact Rebecca Westman or Pastor Diane.



Family/Friends of Jay Tabor (Bev Anderson's son-in-law, died 1/21); Naomi Schlecht, Inez McCrea, Gloria Wittenberg, Linda Westby, Chad Henningsgard, LaVonne Lawrence, Joe Jongeward; **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 Partner: Central Afr. Rep.; Peace.**



For Bystander Awareness Month, Valley City Green Dot invites YOU to their Bystander Training meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the GrandStay in VC (271 Winter Show Rd.). RSVP/register by Feb. 6th: (701)840-6270; or via email: vcgreendot@gmail.com. Snacks & coffee available during this interactive training to practice bystander skills to help end violence in VC.



The next breakfast fundraiser for Casa de Fe will be on Sunday, Feb. 12th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome! This is a free-will offering breakfast with all proceeds benefit the orphans of Casa de Fe, an orphanage for children in Shell, Ecuador.



Everyone is invited to watch the Big Game on Feb. 12th in TLC's Dining Room. Kick-off is at 5:30pm, but you can start coming any time after 4pm. Bring a snack to share potluck-style and cheer on your favorite team.



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

From Jan. 30th—March 5th, we will be collecting personal care items for Lutheran World Relief:

26 Bath towels (full size, dark colors, 52"x27")

10 Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)

75 Bars of soap (prefer Dial, Zest, or Dove brand)

20 Nail clippers

Please place your NEW donated items in the designated basket in the Gathering Area. Thank you!!!



January 2023 Memorials

Memorial/General Fund

In memory of **Bill Martin's 75th Bday**
Given by Sue Martin

In memory of **Herb Triebold**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Larry Grooters**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner, Bruce & Amy Anderson

In memory of **Walt Fadness**
Given by Brian & Karen Enge, John & Sandra Froelich

Casa de Fe
In memory of **Emily (McDaniel) Kracht**
Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

In memory of **Larry Grooters**
Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

In memory of **Ed James**
Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

WELCA
In memory of **Herb Triebold**
Given by Frances Yokom

In memory of **Rita Beaudry**
Given by Frances Yokom

Additional poinsettias given for Christmas Eve Worship were given by: Michael & Gayle Hoff, Tom & Kathy Langemo, and Jerry & Julie Yokom. Thank you!



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

Larry Grooters, who died on Jan. 13th in Fargo. His funeral was held Jan. 20th in Moorhead, MN.

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



Chad Henningsgard wishes to thank everyone for thoughts & prayers, cards of well wishes, phone calls/messages and visits while he is recovering from his leg amputation surgery. It is a long recovery process and your support is very much appreciated.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2023:

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

January 2023 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

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

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

II. **DEVOTION/PRAYER:** Pastor Diane, Psalm 27

III. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you's from Karen Magnuson, Naomi Schlecht, Kaneia Kinney and Rochelle Triebold.

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

V. **MINUTES of Last Meeting:** Rodney made a motion to approve December minutes; seconded by Jennifer, approved by Council.

VI. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Randy made a motion to approve the December Treasurer's report; seconded by Linda, approved by Council.

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

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Christian Education & Youth/Rodney Moore/Diane:** First Communion will be March 5th. Council affirms the importance of students attending confirmation classes and fulfilling other expectations in order to be confirmed.
2. **Endowment/Randy Ladbury:** Next meeting April 23, 2023.
\$1,000 was given to the church general fund.
\$200 to Christ in our Home.
\$75 for Time to Say Goodbye booklets.
\$500 to Community Closet.
\$500 to assist with lunch bills.
\$750 to food pantry.
\$1,000 to Abused Persons Outreach Center.
\$1,000 to Salvation Army.
\$500 to Synod.
3. **Global Missions/Jennifer:** nothing at this time.
4. **Outreach/Diane & Gene:** Jan. 30th we are serving lunches at Our Saviors Luth. Church for students.
5. **Property/Russ, Gene & Bruce:**
CHURCH: Bruce met with the person from the elevator company. Money has been donated for a new sound system in the sanctuary.
PARSONAGE: A new gas furnace has been ordered.
6. **Stewardship/Linda A:** Nothing at this time.
7. **Worship-Music/Diane:** Nothing at this time.
8. **WELCA (Women of ELCA)/Kim Wittenberg:** Nothing at this time.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2023 Budget: Jennifer made a motion to amend the health insurance line item; seconded by Bruce, approved by Council.
- B. Annual Meeting Agenda: include sound system report.
- C. Nominating Committee Report: no one at this time.

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X. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Lenten Services: A motion was made by Russ to rotate TLC, Faith, Our Saviors, and Kathryn/ Nome pastors to preach during mid-week Lent Services this year; seconded by Linda, approved by Council. TLC's suppers and services remain the same as previous years. See schedule in newsletter.
- B. Snow Removal: Russ will call some people to see how much it will cost to move our snow piles.

XI. Next meeting will be February 16th, 2022 at 6:30pm.

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

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December 2022 Financial

Beginning Balance (as of 12/01/22): \$ -2,942.21
Income \$35,179.28
Expenses \$13,593.23
Ending Balance (as of 12/31/22): \$18,643.84

Thank you to ALL who financially contributed in 2022 and helped us end our year in the "black"!

January 2023

Worship Attendance:

1st: **37** 22nd: **56**
8th: **48** 29th: **38**
15th: **47**

Annual Meeting booklets were distributed at the Annual Meeting (held on Jan. 22) and also emailed to TLC members we have email addresses for, but if you were unable to be at the meeting or prefer a paper copy (rather than email), you may pick one up at the church Monday-Thursday (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), or on Sunday mornings. They are located on the table just outside the office and also on the table next to the sound system at back of sanctuary. Below are some highlights of the meeting. Fully completed minutes will be available at a later date.

We also give special THANKS to Diane Kracht for creating the power point presentation that was shown at the meeting AND for leading as our Council President. Many things were accomplished during her council terms as member & president, and we are so grateful for her dedication, creativity, and time she gives at Trinity!

Annual Meeting Highlights: January 22, 2023

- Randy Ladbury, Rodney Moore, and Diane Kracht went off council and we thank them for their service. Elected to council for a 3 year term were Kathy Hoefs and Stan Flemmer.
- Amy Anderson went off Endowment Committee and we thank her for her time. Sue Martin was elected to the Endowment Committee.
- Many improvements have been made to Parsonage and the Church.
- We are getting a new sound system. Bruce, Amy, and Jason Anderson purchased the sound board. Ruth Triebold and Carol Olson have donated for the rest. We thank them all for their generosity.
- Synod Assemble is June 3 & 4. We need two delegates. If you are interested contact the church office or Pr. Diane.

first day of Lent: Feb. 22nd

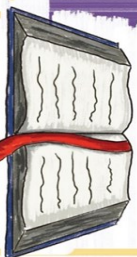
Lent

Do something
NICE
for a teacher
or pastor.

Make a cross
with things you
find in
nature.
two

Read a Bible
story or book.
3

Play your
favorite game
with someone.
four



Make a
cottonball
lamb & think
about how Jesus is
the Lamb of God.

8

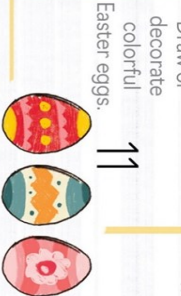
Learn an
Easter song.
7



Surprise someone
with a SPECIAL
NOTE.



Help
someone
today.
ten



12



Draw a
picture
with chalk
outside.
13

seventeen
Share a meal
with someone.

Perform
a random
act of
KINDNESS.
18

Download
Easter
coloring
pages, print
and color.
19



Help with
yardwork or
pick up a piece
of litter.
16



twenty
Tell God what
you are
thankful for.

LIST

reasons why
you love Easter.

twenty one



Draw or
purchase
an Easter
Lily for a
friend.

FORGIVE
someone for
something they
did to you.

25



Draw
an
Easter
picture
for your
family.
29

Talk to someone or
think about why we
celebrate Easter.

twenty six

Read
about
Good
Friday.
(John 19:16-37)
27

Make
something
for
someone.
thirty



Go on a walk or
bike ride &
pray for your
neighbors.
31

Tell someone why
you love Jesus.

34



Play stack
the Peeps.
(See who can
stack the most
Peeps in
a minute.)
35

Make
an
Easter
card.
37

thirty eight
Hold the
door open for
someone.



Read about Jesus'
resurrection.
(Matthew 28;
Mark 16;
Luke 24;
John 20)
39

Have a palm
parade around
your home.
twenty four

Go on a nature
scavenger hunt &
find things that
remind you of Jesus.



Collect items
in a basket
that remind
you of
Easter.



thirty six
GIVE UP
Something for
the day.



Attend an
Easter service.