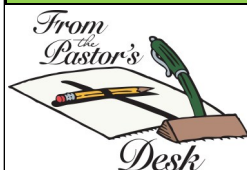




Trinity Tidings



"Am I my brother's keeper?"
Genesis 4:9

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**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.
Holy Communion on first &
third Sundays

Sunday School

Sept. 10th—May 19th
9-9:50 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

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Karen Magnuson

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Domestic violence is not a new problem. Adam and Eve's first children were at odds with one another which led to Cain killing his brother Abel. When God asked Cain where Abel was, Cain responded with a lie and then a question, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" But God knew the truth. God heard Abel's blood crying out from the ground. (Genesis 4:1-16)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. As I picture the scene of Abel's blood crying out to God, I am mindful of the victims of domestic violence who have often not been seen or heard. Their difficult lives have been hidden behind secrets, denial, and excuses. Raising awareness to their cries for help and their need for healing support is one of the goals of this month – by bringing light to the darkness of homes affected by domestic violence.

It is comforting to know that God hears the cries of those in need. It is also our calling to embody Christ's love – we are God's ears, voice, and hands in this world. A simple way that we can support those affected by domestic violence is to wear purple during this month – and particularly on Purple Thursday, October 19.

According to DomesticShelters.org, the history of associating purple with domestic violence can be traced back to the women's suffrage movement of the early 1900's. Purple, white, and gold were used to symbolize purity, hope, and loyalty. I also think of the Purple Heart which is a United States military decoration awarded to those wounded or killed while serving.

Just like we might don the colors of our sports team before we head out to the game, wearing purple this month can show our support for those affected by domestic violence. It can be our way of cheering on those making difficult choices to ensure that they and their families are safe, and it can be our way to stand with those who work to end violence. More than a color of battered and bruised skin, purple can be our cry for justice and healing.

"Are we are brother's and sister's keepers?" Yes. We are. God has blessed us with family and community so that we can embody his grace and love. May we strive this month and every day to be Christ's body in our world.

In peace,
Pastor Diane Krumm

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

Family/Friends of Dennis Kuehne (died 9/20; funeral @ TLC on 9/25), **F/F of Peter Olson** (son of former OSLC pastor, Rev. Darrell & Phylis Olson), **F/F of Arlene Geisinger** (Pat Beil's friend); **Eleanor Anderson** (Fgo Hosp.), **Shirley Hoff, Bev Anderson** (Mercy Hosp. Swing bed), **Ray McClafin, Nicole Wieser, Jessica (Carlbom) Kuska, LeRoy Magnuson, Sandie (Dahl) Mielke** (Jerry's sis), **Nicole Gordon** (Julie Yokom's niece/cancer); Others in need/tragedies; Casa de Fe orphanage (in Ecuador); our EaNd Synod/*Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth*; our ELCA/*Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton*; our missionaries; military men (Steve Frizell)/women; Our Synod partner: Central African Republic; Peace



Fall Gatherings with Synod Staff

Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth invites all members of the Eastern ND Synod to participate in this year's Fall Gatherings! ("All members" means you. You do not need to be on council or a pastor. Just a member of an ELCA congregation in the Eastern North Dakota Synod – you're invited!) Join others from around the synod for an afternoon of connection, conversation, and prayer.

Dates and locations are listed below. Trinity Lutheran is part of the Jamestown Conference, however, if you are not able to attend the gathering for our conference, you are invited to attend a gathering in another location.

Jamestown and Wahpeton Conferences: October 8,
3-5pm at St. John's Lutheran in Verona
Prairie Rose and Spirit Lake Conferences: October 15,
3-5pm at Dacotah Oyate Lutheran, Tokio
Grand Forks and Grafton Conferences: October 22,
3-5pm at Grafton Lutheran in Grafton



On October 8, our congregation will be participating in "Church Together Sunday." Pastor Diane and Pastor Lucinda Lien (Immanuel Lutheran Church, Jamestown) will trade places for Sunday worship. This is an opportunity to connect with another congregation in our synod as a visible sign that we are called to do God's work together and to learn from one another about our different ministry contexts. If you would like to travel with Pr. Diane and meet others in Jamestown, please contact her. Otherwise, please give a big TLC welcome to Pr. Lucinda on Oct. 8th and feel free to share your insights with her about faith and mission.

September 2023 Memorials

Memorial Fund

In memory of **Mary Thompson**
Given by Kathleen Brobst-Clark & Don Clark

Christian Education

In memory of **Dennis Kuehne**
Given by Jerry & Julie Yokom

WELCA

In memory of **DeLoris Krapu**
Given by Woody & Rose Wendt

Casa de Fe

In memory of **Rory Mulvaney**
Given by Pat Beil Walters & Bernie Walters

In memory of **Mary Thompson**
Given by Pat Beil Walters & Bernie Walters

In memory of **Bill Denning** (nephew)
Given by Pat Beil Walters & Bernie Walters



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 19th at 2 p.m. @ TLC
Cooking demonstration
featuring our very own Marleen Pytlik.

Is your mouth watering yet? More information will be available in the November Newsletter. This event is an entertaining fundraiser for Abused Persons Outreach Center. A free-will offering will be taken.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Please join us in honoring Pr. Diane on Sunday, **October 15th**, during Worship & coffee fellowship.



August 2023 Financial


Beginning Balance (as of 8/01/23):	\$ -8,255.10
Income:	\$ 9,317.62
Expenses:	\$ 13,665.50
Ending Balance (as of 8/31/23):	\$ -12,602.98

September 2023 Worship Attendance

9/03: 40 9/10: 64 9/17: 56 9/24: 52

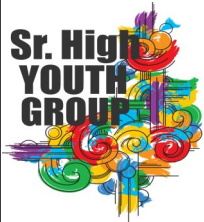


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Sunday school is in full swing! We meet Sunday mornings from 9-9:50 a.m. Please drop off your children at the back door. We begin by meeting in the sanctuary and then split into our classes. If your child will not be in attendance, we appreciate you letting us know. You can contact us through email: christianedtlc@bektel.com; or text Rebecca: 840-1365.

 We are asking each youth family to sign-up to serve coffee hour at least once during the year. The youth use the donations gained during coffee hour to fund Sunday school and Youth Activities. Please be on the lookout for communication on available serving dates.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 1, 8, 15, 29: Sunday school classes
October 10: Christian Education meeting @ 5 p.m.
October 18: Gr. K-6 Youth event (details to be emailed)
October 22: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Nov. 5 & 19; Dec. 3 & 10: Christmas prgm practice
Dec. 17, 10 a.m.: Christmas prgm, "Prepare the Way"



Senior High Youth Group
10th - 12th graders of OSLC, Faith, & Trinity will have its first 2023-'24 gathering on Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 8 p.m. at OSLC. We hope this time allows each student to take a break from their busy schedules and gather with

friends for games, conversations, and snacks. **Gatherings are generally held the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month, always at 8 p.m. @ OSLC.** Each time we gather, we share in good conversation and a short devotional, with most of the time unstructured to allow youth to refresh in the ways that make the most sense for them. From time to time, we head off campus for food or other activities. This group is also open to friends who may have other church connections or no church connections at all, so please feel free to invite them. All are welcome!

If you'd like to get on the Remind App to receive text messages about Senior High Youth Group, text Pr. Kyle. The Remind App will be the best way to stay connected with the Senior High Youth Group this year and going forward. If you have other questions, please feel free to reach out to Pr. Kyle at Our Savior's: 845-1328 klsymanski@gmail.com.

Faith Lutheran's Annual Fall Festival
Saturday, Oct. 14th @ Faith Lutheran
10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Craft-/Bake-/Quilt Sale, Gift Baskets, Delicious candies, homemade lefse. Youth will be serving homemade soups-to-go! (free-will offering)



Schedule (Gr. 7-9)

Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Trinity, Faith, Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

Sept.—Oct. '23: Faith Lutheran hosting:

Focus: "Old Testament"

Oct. 4th, 11th, 25th: Class

Oct. 18th: Community Action Night
(Food Bank collection)

Just a reminder to Confirmation families, to please refer to the email (8/16) sent from the TLC office for Confirmation Expectations & Sign ups. Also, if you have not yet downloaded the Remind app, please take care of this ASAP. That app is where you'll find group reminders and notices, including any cancellations.



Affirmation of Baptism service

Sunday, October 29th

10 a.m. Worship

We have six youth this year affirming their baptism:

Brenan Anderson, Mara Crowe, Carson Johnson, Kellen Westman, Chloe Wieser, & Georgia Zaun. Blessings to these 6 youth as they declare their commitment in faith to the life and work of the church of Christ.

Confirmants are to meet on Oct. 29th at 8:30 a.m. to try on robes, practice, & finish frames.



Gr. 9-12 Youth: Every Monday @ OSLC during your lunch period, stop over for a FREE lunch!!



On Sunday, Oct. 1st, during Worship, we will bless the 55 school kits that TLC ladies have assembled for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to all who contributed!



TLC Book Club dates:

Tues., Oct. 3rd, 5:30 p.m:

Discuss "Sold on a Monday".

Tues., Nov. 7th, 5:30 p.m.:

Discuss "Giver of the Stars"

Deadline to order the book for the Nov. 7th date (via the church office), please notify the church office before Oct. 9th (845-3837).



Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe

Sunday, Oct. 8th at TLC

10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.



Mark your calendars for
Trinity Lutheran Church
Fall Festival



WELCA's Annual Fall Festival and Luncheon has always been a success thanks to all of our Trinity members—women, men, and youth. We are looking forward to our **2023 Fall Festival on Saturday, November 4th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.** The menu for the luncheon consists of Baked Potato Bar, Salad, & Dessert.

We are hoping you will be generous as in the past with delicious baked goods for the bake sale, donations of baskets for the basket drawing.

Cash donations are welcome to cover expenses for the Fall Festival.

Proceeds are used for various charities.

We are looking forward to a great Fall Festival. Besides the hard work and effort on part of everyone, it always provides good fellowship and fun!!

Please contact Jeanne Wobbema (701)230-8745, WELCA chairperson, with questions.

We need your help!



NEW THIS YEAR!...

We will be accepting gently-used Christmas items/decor for our Christmas shop! Please bring your items to the church basement by Wednesday, Oct. 25th.

We have 3 dessert recipes we would like help in making. If you're willing to help with this, please fill out below info and one of the TLC WELCA ladies will reach out to you with the recipe:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

I am willing to **work at the Fall Festival**. Bake sale hours are 10:30 am until 1:30 pm. Luncheon hours are 11 am until 1:30 pm. Clean up is 12 to 2:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

I am willing to **help make pies** or **help make lefse** (for bake sale) for the Fall Festival. (*Please circle which one you prefer to help with or both. Date TBD*)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

I am willing to **provide a gift basket** for the Gift Basket drawing. (*All basket items must be new. Please drop off finished basket to the church office by no later than Oct. 23rd, as baskets will be on display the Sunday, Oct. 29th, before Fall Festival*)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____



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

September 2023 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – President Linda Anderson

II. DEVOTION / PRAYER – Pastor Diane: Genesis 2, v. 1-3

III. CORRESPONDENCE – 2 scholarship thank yous from Brooklyn Triebold and Peyton Zaun

IV. AGENDA REVIEW / ADDITIONS – Gene moved to approve the agenda; Kim seconded; motion carried.

V. MINUTES of Last Meeting – Jennifer moved to approve the amended minutes from July and the minutes from August; Kathy seconded; motion carried.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT - Russ moved to receive the treasurer's report; Gene seconded; motion carried.

VII. PASTOR'S REPORT – see report

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Christian Education & Youth – Jennifer:

A. Rally Sunday was Sept. 10, with Landon Carlblom receiving a Bible.

B. Confirmation begins with parent meeting on 9/13; 10th gr. confirmands will be confirmed on 10/29.

C. Faith Kids Club for 4-6th grades on Wednesdays began 9/6 with a good turnout.

D. TLC Kids Club for grades K-6th: fall event TBA (to be announced).

E. Book Club begins on 10/3: reading "Sold on a Monday" by Kristina McMorris.

F. Christian Ed/Youth will meet after worship on Sept. 24.

2. Endowment – Russ: will meet Sunday 9/17 after worship.

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

A. 100 packets handed out during VCSU Summer Vikes on Central on 9/7.

B. TLC will be delivering food backpacks to the schools in March 2024.

4. Worship/Music – Kathy: Will be using a different liturgy 9/17-11/26.

5. WELCA (Women of ELCA)/Kim: No report

6. Property/Gene, Bruce & Stan:

Church:

A. Furnace line leak and replacement: Keith's Heating & Cooling is coming.

B. Sidewalk and gas company: still waiting; will have to let it ride for now.

C. Folding chairs: airport will take some, as will the thrift store.

D. Sanctuary carpet: Gene will reglue spots where it came loose.

Parsonage:

A. New furnace vents to basement will be done when they have time.

B. South side outside faucet is leaking; Stan will fix.

C. Parsonage and church A/C: just turn off inside, not outside to avoid potential maintenance issues.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Insurance: Linda has updated policy and transferred to North Star Insurance.

B. AED pads have arrived and need to be installed; they are in Rochelle's office.

C. "Church Together Sunday" Oct. 8: more info is forthcoming.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Confirmands for 10/29: Brenan Anderson, Mara Crowe, Carson Johnson, Kellen Westman, Chloe Wieser, and Georgia Zaun.

B. Snow Removal contract for 2023-2024: will recontract with ACB; we will need to clarify where the property lines are so everything is properly cleared.

C. Financial situation: No-penalty CD was cashed out at \$10,140.02 and deposited. Interest from the investment accounts will also be deposited in September. This solves the short-term problem, but not the continuing issue. We still have two \$50,000 CDs invested with staggered maturation dates, which are intended for emergency use.

XI. Next meeting will be October 10, 2023 at 6:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.