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

### Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

### Sunday School

Sept. 10th—May 19th  
9-9:45 a.m.

### Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

### Pastor:

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### Office Staff:

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Karen Magnuson

### Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

# Trinity Tidings



*"Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it."  
Psalm 139:6*

Do you remember your first day of classes for a new school year? Do you remember watching your child walk into the school building and feeling the joy and sadness of a new chapter in their life beginning?

When I was in college, the first week of a semester was stressful for me. Some of it was simply beginning a new routine, finding the right classrooms, and meeting different professors. But mostly, looking at each syllabus from each class and thinking to myself, "How will I ever learn that much and do all those things in 3 months?" I quickly learned to divide up the work for what I needed to do each week and pace myself.

In Psalm 139, we hear about our God knowing us very well. God knows where we have been and where we are. God knows our thoughts before we voice them. God knows us so well because God created us – knit us together in our mothers' wombs, and we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." (v. 13-14)

I am sure God knew that I was stressed as classes began. I think God smiled when I took a deep breath, said a prayer, and plotted out the work for the semester. I wonder if God didn't think something like, "Yep, I knew you would get there."

Some of the things I have learned in my life have been in a classroom setting, but not all of them. Sometimes, I have had to relearn things or unlearn them. But I don't think any of us can fully comprehend the marvelous mystery of having a God who chooses to never abandon us – who loves us so much that we are never alone. It really is knowledge that is too wonderful for us to grasp.

As this school year begins, let us pray with thanksgiving for students, teachers, staff, parents, and guardians and ask for safe environments that will help them grow. Let also pray that all of us may rest in the assurance that God is always with us and, when we are too stressed by the big picture, that God will help us to take a deep breath and focus on what we need to do today.

In Christ,  
Pastor Diane



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

Family/Friends of: DeLoris Krapu (died 8/07; funeral @ TLC on 9/01), Brady Larson (died 8/16; Julie Yokom's cousin), Evelyn Johnson

(died 8/08; Judy Johnson Berg's mom); Ray McClafin, Nicole Wieser, Jan Pearson, Karen Kobbervig, Gary Botner, Russ Larson, Noah Astorgo (owner of La Cita restaurant), LeRoy Magnuson, Sandie (Dahl) Mielke (Jerry's sis), Jessica (Carlbom) Kuska (pregnancy), Nicole Gordon (Julie Yokom's niece/cancer), Chad Henningsgard; Casa de Fe orphanage (Ecuador); Our ELCA/Synod (Presiding Bishop Eaton/Rev. Tessa Moon Leiseth); Our military women & men (Steve Frizell); VC & area schools/colleges (students/teachers/staff); Missionaries, Diplomats; Peace

### **Passing on God's Word**

On August 3, 2023, members from the Jamestown Conference gathered at the cemetery north of El-dridge to respectfully bury 5 boxes of deteriorated Bibles. The Bibles had been collected in July from various congregations in our Conference, including Trinity Lutheran, Valley City. The Bibles ranged in age and language (e.g., German, Norwegian, Swedish, or English). As part of the service, prayers of thanksgiving were offered for God's Word, those who had read these Bibles, and those who had organized the congregations that now are part of the Jamestown Conference. Another two boxes of Bible that were in good condition were collected and given to Orphan Grain Train and to local congregations for distribution. Prayers of blessings were offered for these Bibles and those who will be receiving them.

Thank you to those who participated with this event. And thanks be to God whose word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. (Psalm 119:105)



Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders, some moving to other Hawaiian islands. Wildfires have also affected the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season.

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

**Gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this, and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts given specifically to "U.S. Wildfires" will be restricted to, and used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires.**

If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to:  
*Lutheran Disaster Response.*  
*Write "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line and send to:*

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

### **August 2023 Memorials**

#### **Casa de Fe**

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

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

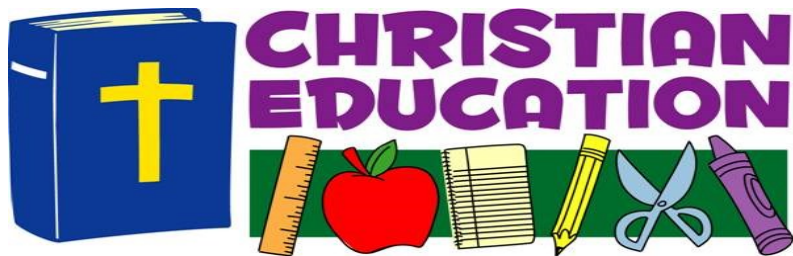
In memory of **Bill Denning (nephew)**  
Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters



We extend our prayers & sympathy to the family & friends of:

**DeLoris Krapu**, who died 8/07/23 in Valley City.  
Her funeral was held on 9/01/23 at TLC.

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



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday School (Pre-K thru Grade 6)

An email to register your child was sent to TLC families. If you did not receive it, please notify Rebecca Westman promptly.

Rally Sunday – September 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. First day of Classes

10:00 a.m. Worship

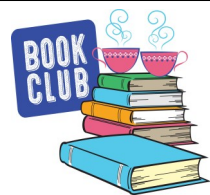
Followed by Casa de Fe Brunch and  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmand meeting.

### Faith Kids Club (Grades 4-6)

Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 6th, 3:15-5 p.m.  
Please contact Wendi Wilmes if your child would like to participate (wendi.wilmes@gmail.com).

### High School Lunch (Grades 10-12)

Mondays, beginning Sept 18<sup>th</sup> @ Our Saviors Lutheran – open to all students in Gr. 10-12



Book Club will meet at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, at TLC to discuss the NY Times Bestseller book, *Sold on a Monday*, by Kristina McMorris. Although the deadline has expired to order through the church, you can purchase your copy on Amazon or Target app.

*Sold On A Monday* is a New York Times Bestseller. Set in 1931, it follows the story of newspaper reporters who share a photograph of a desperate mother offering to sell her children and the unintended consequences of their actions.

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

2nd Tuesday of the month: 10am at Bridgeview

All other Tuesdays: 10:30am in the Library at Trinity  
Everyone is welcome.

### Confirmation Corner – Sept. 2023

Trinity Lutheran youth grades 7-9 will again be joining with youth from Faith & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches for classes & community activities this school year.

There will be a **Parent & Student info meeting @ Faith Lutheran Church on Wednesday, Sept. 13th at 5:30 p.m.**

Wed., Sept. 20th & 27th, **6:30 p.m.:** Class @ Faith Lutheran (Snacks & sandwiches are provided before class, starting @ 6 p.m. for those who would like to eat at the church; this is optional)

**Special meeting for 10th grade Confirmands on Sept. 10th after Worship with Pr. Diane.**

### Castaway Club

for youth grades 6-10

Sept. 15-17, 2023

Located near Detroit Lakes, MN



Join us this fall as we experience all God created...and that means us! A few features of Castaway are: game rooms, a climbing wall, waterfront, frisbee golf course, soccer field, basketball courts, tennis & volleyball, and a ga-ga pit. If interested, please inform TLC office.



**SUMMER VIKES**  
ON CENTRAL



The Summer Nights on Central Committee invites you to participate in "Summer Vikes on Central" on Thursday, Sept. 7th.

Summer Nights on Central, are a series of events held each summer in downtown Valley City featuring live music, shopping happy hour, food vendors and more. These events have drawn crowds of 500 to 1,000 people. In addition to the usual attendance, Summer Vikes on Central will feature VCSU's freshman class, marching band and additional members of the Viking family led from the University's footbridge up Central Avenue.

Area businesses will have booths set up, including our very own TLC WELCA group, who will be selling monster cookies for \$2 each.

This event will take place at 5:30 p.m., and will include a free concert from 6-9 p.m. by the 32 Below band.

## **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, Stan Flemmer, Kathy Hoefs

### **August 12, 2023 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:**

Vice-President, Kim Wittenberg called the meeting to order. Pastor Diane led devotions. Agenda was reviewed and approved. Previous meeting minutes were approved. Treasurer's report was received.



### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Christian Education/Youth – Jennifer Jenness
  - A. Rally Sunday is Sept 10th
  - C. Confirmation begins Sept 13th and will be combined again with Our Savior's and Faith
  - D. Confirmation Sunday is October 29th
  - E. Faith Kids Club for 4-6th Graders starts Wednesdays, Sept 6th.
  - F. Book Club – Oct 3rd – "Sold on a Monday"
2. Endowment – Russ Larson
  - A. Christian Ed requested and Endowment approved:
    - i. Scholarships for Castaway Club (Sept 15-17) \$179/person; anticipating 2-4 going from TLC.
    - ii. Purchase of Sketch Books for Confirmation Curriculum for students in all three churches; cost for the year est. \$1,600.
3. Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Linda Anderson/Gene Langemo
  - A. Linda A. and Diane K. helped with Summer Grocery Store at High School for in July.
  - B. Getting ready for VCSU Vikings Summer Night on Central in September.
4. Worship – Kathy Hoefs
  - A. Different liturgy setting for Sunday worship to begin after Rally Sunday (9/10).
5. Women (WELCA) – Kim Wittenberg
  - A. Crazy Days fundraiser: \$703; Thrivent funds used to help cover expenses.
  - B. Sept. 7th: Vikings on Central event
  - C. Lutheran World Relief school bags: currently have 50 sets. Thrivent Funds to help purchase additional needed school supplies.
  - D. WELCA donate to: Backpack program(\$300); Barnes County Food Pantry (\$500).
  - E. A few TLC'ers will attend the Quilts & More Auction at Red Willow Ministries on Aug. 26th.
  - F. WELCA serving coffee fellowship on Aug. 20th
  - G. Next WELCA meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 18th.
6. Property – Stan Flemmer/Bruce Anderson/Gene Langemo
  - A. Parsonage New Furnace Vents to Basement: Bruce will check on
  - B. Church Furnace Line Leak and Needs Replacing: Bruce will check on
  - C. Sidewalk and gas company
  - D. Church Chairs for sale: Stan will check to see if Thrift store will accept them.
  - E. Sanctuary carpet repair: Gene will look into repairing.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Safe Box for Treasurer is in Treasurer's office.
- B. Linda Anderson is working with Grinnell Insurance to update policy and transfer to Dakota Insurance.
- C. AED pads ordered (via Scott Magnuson).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. "Church Together Sunday" is Oct 8th (Deadline Aug 31st to sign up).
- B. Request to use church facilities for Cooking Show Fundraiser for APOC on 11/19 at 2 pm was approved.
- C. "New to us" TV for TLC library from Casa de Fe rummage sale.

**Next Council Meeting:** Council: September 12th at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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

### **July 2023 Financial**

Beginning Balance (as of 7/01/23): \$ -5,644.62  
Income: \$15,121.03  
Expenses: \$17,731.51  
Ending Balance (as of 7/31/23): \$ -8,255.10

### **August 2023 Worship Attendance:**

Aug. 6: **41**      Aug. 20: **45**  
Aug. 13: **42**      Aug. 27: **51**

## **Women of the ELCA**

### **Eastern ND Synodical Women's Organization**

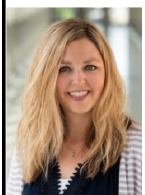
### **Fall Convention 2023**

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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

**Theme: "Love... Without Limits"**



### **Key Note Speaker: Rev. Kim Adams**

Pr. Kim Adams serves as campus pastor at Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry at NDSU, Fargo, and Concordia College, Moorhead.

### **Schedule:**

8 a.m. Registration, coffee & muffins in Connection Center

9 a.m. Welcome & Worship in Sanctuary

10:05 a.m. First Plenary session

11 a.m. Key Note Speaker: Pr. Kim Adams

12 p.m. Luncheon in Connection Center (Lower level)

1 p.m. Second Plenary session, Final Credentialing report & Voting

2:30 p.m. Triennial Reports by First Time Attendees

2:45 p.m. Elections Report, Installation

3 p.m. Closing

*Vendor Displays will be in the Connection Center.*



**Thank you** to everyone that worked (setting up/taking down, cleaned, arranged, served/provided food, floor workers/cashiers) &/or shopped the TLC Rummage Sale for Casa de Fe! It really took us ALL to make our rummage sale a successful event. All the proceeds from the sale totaling approximately \$4,200, will be sent to the Casa de Fe mission in Shell, Ecuador!

### **Youth Mission Trip 2023 to Duluth**



Back row, l to r: Rachael Belgaard, Jessa Koch, Alyssa Wilmes, Kellen Westman, and Connor Liebersbach

Front row, l to r: Kassidy Schulz, Lauren May, Brenna Storly, Autumn Anderson, and Abby Wilmes

These youth and their leaders from the Valley City ELCA congregations who went on a mission trip to Duluth, MN, in July. Together with other youth from various parts of the county, they visited with residents in a memory care unit, planted trees, and did other servant projects in the area. In the evenings, they had devotions and worship. They made new friends, squeezed in sight-seeing treks, were moved by their visits with the elderly, and were inspired by devotional experiences, such as having the leaders wash the youth's feet (as Jesus did for his disciples).

A Big Thank You to Wendi Wilmes and Rebecca Westman for being their fearless leaders AND to the youth for living out their faith.