



2024



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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 in Fall 2024

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.
@ TLC (library);
meets @ Bridgeview Est. on
second Tuesdays of month.

Pastor:

Rev. Diane Krumm

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Office Staff:

Rochelle Triebold

Hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., T-Th
Closed on Mondays &
Fridays during summer.

Treasurer/Expenses:

Kaneia Kinney

Offerings Secretary:

Karen Magnuson

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity Tidings



"We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." Ephesians 4:14-15

Wind. In Greek the word "pneuma" and in Hebrew the word "ruah" can each be translated as "wind," "spirit," or "breath." The Bible has many images of God's Spirit associated with wind or breath. From Genesis 1, we read of how the wind from God blew over the waters. In John 20, the resurrected Christ breathed the Holy Spirit upon his disciples.

It is no wonder then that there is a connection between our words and our spirits. In the Bible, we are encouraged to be careful with what we say. For example, Proverbs 12:18 reads: "The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." Just like the wind, our words can be a destructive force (tornado) or a welcome relief (summer breeze).

Growing up, I was taught to ask before I spoke: Is it true, necessary, and kind? Since then, I have added: Does it help others experience God's presence? Is it coming just from me or is God calling me to speak these words? Am I speaking the truth in love?

During a recent storm, as I sat listening to the wind howl, I pondered what questions I might want to ask myself about what I listen to. Does what I listen to meet the criteria of being true, necessary, and kind? Am I hearing words that inspire me to faithful living? If not, why am I allowing such things to blow upon me? Is my silence in a conversation speaking a loud consent? By listening, am I condoning or encouraging the spread of mean-spirited gossip?

St. Paul reminds us not to be blown about by falsehood, tricks, or deceit. Instead we are to look to Christ when we are threatened by the winds of words that are spoken with ill-intent. We might not be able to stop the wind from blowing across our land, but we can choose what we say, when we say it, and what we listen to. We can remember that Christ spoke and stilled a storm, and he is at work in our lives – breathing into us the words that can call out injustice and heal divisions.

I encourage you to listen for the wind – the wind of God's Spirit blowing into you and pushing you out into his service – and then, in God's good time, speak the truth in the love of God and seek to build up the body of Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane Krumm



In our Thoughts & Prayers:

Family/friends of Marilyn Kerbaugh (5/21 funeral @ TLC), F/f of Noah Astorga (owner of La Cita Mexican restaurant, VC), F/f Rev. Dan Faust (5/11 funeral @ Faith); Tom Overn (bad fall; Sanford hosp./Fgo), Carson Johnson (leg procedure), Linda Westby (pain), Carol Olson, Nicole Wieser, Chad Henningsgard, Gabriella Morical (Kathy Hoefs granddaughter; neurological concerns), Tom Sheets (Shirley Koslofsky's son-in-law/Elsa Kamphuis' bro), Sandie (Dahl) Mielke (Jerry's sis), Nicole Gordon (Julie Yokom's niece); Casa de Fe orphanage; **ELCA EaND SYNOD/Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth; ELCA/Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton**; our missionaries; **Our Synod Partner: Central African Republic; Peace**



Summer Office Hours

Beginning first full week in June, office hours will switch to "summer mode" which are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday.

As always, if you have a pastoral emergency outside of these hours, please call the church cell: 840-7548.



Eastern North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank you to Jeanne Wobbema, Linda Anderson, and Pr. Diane for their willingness to serve as Trinity Lutheran's voting members to this year's Synod Assembly. Assembly will be June 1-2, in Fargo. This year's theme will be "CHALLENGE: Learn, Discern, Respond". To participate in the assembly, watch the livestream on the synod's Facebook page.



Mobile Food Pantry Thursday, June 6th

@ Epworth United Methodist Church, VC (680 8th Ave. SW)

All in need of food are welcome to attend and receive food at no cost! For more info: (701)232-6219



Aug. 23 & 24: Rummage Sale for Casa de Fe:

Fri., Aug. 23rd: 1-7 p.m.

(Walking tacos sold 4-6:30 p.m., Fri.)

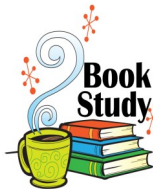
Sat., Aug. 24th: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

(Sweet/Caramel rolls for sale)

With spring clean up, consider donating gently used items (*clean, undamaged, usable*) for the rummage sale that TLC Mission team will be having this summer. All profits earned from the sale will benefit the children of Casa de Fe ("House of Faith"), an orphanage located in Shell, Ecuador.

Items can be left in the room labeled "Rummage Sale" in the lower level of Trinity. Items **not** accepted are: adult clothing, large/small appliances, TVs, and computers. If you have furniture to donate, call/text Pat Beil (490-2339) to view/accept for sale.

Starting Sunday August 18, we will be moving items from storage room to dining room. We will need a lot of help with this! If you are able to help, please inform Jeanne Wobbema, Sue Martin, Patty Beil, or Pat Beil Walters.



Book Study

Our next Book Club selection is James McBride's *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*. It is an adult historical fiction/mystery novel, which explores themes of community, survival, and justice in a 1972 Pennsylvania neighborhood.

Please have entire book read by our meeting, Thurs., June 20th @ 5:30 p.m. If you would like to have the church purchase you a book, please contact the TLC office by June 3rd. The cost is \$17 (checks made payable to Diane Kracht).

May 2024 Worship Attendance:

May 5: **41**

May 19: **80**

May 12: **66**

May 26: **44**

"God's Work. Our Hands." : April 2024 Financial

Fund	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General	\$12,935.69	\$16,445.45	\$18,229.15	\$11,151.99
Memorial	\$12,491.34	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00	\$12,546.34
Designated	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Building	\$-11,327.27	\$ 15.00	\$ 0.00	\$-11,312.27
Total	\$14,099.76	\$16,515.45	\$18,299.15	\$12,386.06



APOC Sunday June 23rd @ TLC (before/after worship)

Free-will offering proceeds from the bake sale will go to benefit APOC (Abused Persons Outreach Center) in VC. If you would like to donate goods for the sale, please package them unmarked.

We will have presentation of the bath towels with a temple talk on the event. June 23rd is the last day you can get stamps at Leever's. For any questions about this, please contact Jeanne Wobbema (230-8745).



Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is observed in June as an opportunity to spread the word about and discuss Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Throughout the month, the Alzheimer's Association encourages people around the globe to support the movement by: **wearing purple (June 1-30)**, **sharing your story** or stories of those you love affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias, and **taking action** (participating in a walk or giving a monetary donation).

Healthy lifestyle behaviors, such as physical activities, social engagement, and mental stimulation, can help reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

For more information & resources, visit www.alz.org.



Thank you to all who purchased butterbraids from TLC youth going to the ELCA Nat'l Youth Gathering in July.

Carson Johnson, Mara Crowe, Sara Crowe, and Ellen Anderson are joining youth from Valley City (Faith Lutheran & Our Savior's Lutheran) and all around the USA to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Christian Education:

Thanks to all of our Sunday school students, families & teachers for another great year. We meet again for VBS on June 4-6th (Kndg. -6th gr.; 12:30-5 p.m.) with our partners at Faith and Our Saviors Luth. churches.

Sunday school resumes in the fall. If you're interested in teaching Sunday school next year please contact Rebecca Westman at (701)840-1365, or via email christianedtlc@bektel.com.



Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe Sundays, June 9th & July 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.



TLC WELCA will be having a food booth set up in front of Valley Paint & Glass during VC Crazy Days on **Wednesday, July 26th**.

Sweet rolls & coffee for sale starting at 8 a.m.; walking tacos & refreshments starting at 10:30 a.m. Funds raised go to the benevolent budget of 2024, where needed.

We will need help in the following ways:

- Workers downtown (2 hour shifts).
- Transporting items downtown the morning of, and back to the church afterwards.
- Donating 15-20 pounds of hamburger.
- Thrivent fund cards to help cover the cost of supplies and food ingredients.

If you are able to help, please contact Jeanne Wobbema (230-8745), Sue Martin (840-0668), or Patty Beil (840-0115).



This summer on Wednesday evenings from June 5th to Aug. 7th, the Bridges Backpack program & Hi-Liner Pantry will provide summer food assistance in the form of a summer grocery store at VCHS. Groceries will be provided free to all students & families needing them. Thank you to TLC members Diane Kracht & Linda Anderson who are helping by working at the store and unpacking food items onto shelves.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make check payable to Bridges Backpack program, and mail to: Bridges Backpack Program, 674 10th Ave. SW, Valley City, ND 58072.



School Kit items for LWR

Starting in mid-July, we will collect items to complete school kits for Lutheran World Relief: scissors (blunt ended), pencils (no. 2), notebooks, crayons (16 or 24 pack), rulers, erasers, draw-string cloth bags, & pens (blue or black ink).



Celebrating our High School Graduates



Peyton Olson
Valley City High School
Son of Chris & Nicole Olson

Future plans:
Attend NDSCS/Wahpeton
for HVAC



Lucas Compson-Lorenz
Valley City High School
Son of Becky Compson &
Gary Lorenz

Future plans:
Attend NDSCS/Wahpeton
for Automotive Technology



Shaunn Wieser
Valley City High School
Son of Nicole Wieser & Matt
Wieser

Future plans:
Attend NDSCS/Wahpeton for
Diesel Mechanics

Mya Anderson is the daughter of Brandi Johnson. She graduated from Minot State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Maddy Langemo is the daughter of Gene Langemo & Bobbi Jo Langemo. She graduated from VCSU with a Business Education degree & Marketing minor.



Eric Schaefer is the son of Becky Schaefer & Kyle Schaefer. He graduated from Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture with an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology.

Lexi Triebold is the daughter of Roger & Rochelle Triebold. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Industrial & Systems Engineering degree.



On Sunday, May 19th, we recognized Sunday School teachers & Confirmation guides for the 2023-2024 school year: (l to r) Pr. Diane, Linda Anderson, Kellen Westman, Rebecca Westman, Nicole Olson, Sadie Olson. Unavailable for photo: Aadon Stanton-Ring, Bentley Wieser. Thank you to all of these individuals!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2024:

Council President: Linda Anderson

Vice Pres.: Kim Wittenberg

Secretary: Diane Kracht

Other members: Kathy Hoefs, Stan Flemmer, Robert Nelson, Gary Botner

May 2024 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Present: Robert Nelson, Linda Anderson, , Kathy Hoefs, Stan Flemmer, Diane Kracht, Pastor Diane, Kaneia Kinney (Treas.) **Absent:** Gary Botner and Kim Wittenberg

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Linda Anderson

II. DEVOTION/ PRAYER: Pastor Diane, Acts Ch. 2

III. CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you from Amy Anderson for gift for Music Appreciation Sunday.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW/ ADDITIONS: Diane made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Stan; motion carried.

V. MINUTES of Last Meeting: Stan made a motion to approve the minutes from March meeting, seconded by Kathy; motion carried.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane made a motion to receive the treasurer's report, seconded by Stan; motion carried.

VII. COMMITTEE Reports:

1. Christian Education/Youth – Linda Anderson:

- a. Youth led Sunday/Teacher & Graduate Recognitions – May 19
- b. Survey will be sent to parents regarding next year's SS format and teachers.
- c. VBS with Our Savior's and Faith will be June 4-6; 12:30–5 pm, children K-6. All churches will be responsible for curriculum and snacks.
- d. Book Club – June 20th 5:30 "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store"
- e. Endowment will purchase Lutheran Study Bibles for Confirmation and TLC Library
- f. Next meeting – June 12 @ 4:45 pm

2. Endowment – Robert Nelson–

a. Voted to distribute:

1. Up to \$250 per TLC member attending ELCA Youth Gathering Total \$1,000
2. Up to \$500 for 140th Anniversary Celebration
3. Estimated cost \$700 for purchase of 24 Lutheran Study Bibles

b. Next Meeting – Sunday after Rally Sunday

3. Global Mission/Outreach/Stewardship- Diane Kracht

- a. Delivered Backpacks to Schools in March.
- b. Crop Walk was April 24th. TLC's booth was Health and Medical.
- c. ELCA World Hunger 50th Anniversary. Our goal is to raise \$500 by May 19th and a donor is matching funds raised up to \$500. We are also building a peanut butter tower for local food pantries.

4. Worship – Kathy Hoefs: Next Meeting is May 15th.

5. WELCA – Kim Wittenberg: Next meeting May 21st @ noon.

6. Property – Gary Botner/Robert Nelson/Stan Flemmer:

- a. Sprayed for bugs inside & outside of church, and outside of parsonage.
- b. Robert is checking estimates to raise sidewalk sections where gas line was repaired.
- c. Robert is going to check on spraying for weeds and mulch for areas around church and parsonage.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 140th Anniversary Committee Report:

1. Date: September 15, 2024 with Tessa Moon Leiseth.
2. 10 a.m. Worship followed by dinner and a short Program. Our Saviors WELCA will prepare and serve the meal.
3. Sample Christmas Ornaments to sell have been ordered.
4. Pens have arrived. 300 at cost of \$282.63.
5. Invitations will be mailed to former Pastors.

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6. Facebook and flyers to invited members and public.

7. Karen Overn and Marleen Pytlik are working on history update of the last 15 years.

B. Kitchen update: Walls painted, cupboard, drawers repaired and painted. New pulls on. Island donated by Gary and Bea Tait.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request to borrow 10 -12 tables and 40 chairs. It was decided to approve request for no charge to Trinity members.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday . June 11th 2024@ 6:30PM

Diane made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Kathy motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Church-focused Bystander Training
Wednesday, June 26th @ OSLC
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Supper provided, childcare available.

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. Everyone is welcome. **For more info or to register, visit the website: vcgreendot.com/upcoming-events; or via email: vcgreendot@gmail.com.**

May 2024 Memorials

GENERAL FUND

In memory of **Mark Schlenvogn**
Given by Roger & Rochelle Triebold,
Ruth Triebold, Woody & Rose Wendt

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Mark Schlenvogn**
Given by Bernard & Edna Elsner

KITCHEN FUND

In memory of **Noah Astorga**
Given by Bernard & Edna Elsner



Thank you to all who
donated peanut butter or
gave a monetary contribu-
tion for our World Hunger
project this spring!

Total giving included
63 lbs of peanut butter,
and \$1,120
(which includes the match-
ing donation of \$500 from
an anonymous donor)!

We passed our goal and
had great participation!
The peanut butter will go
to our local food pantry &
VCHS pantry kitchen
(helping students).

