



Trinity Tidings



Thank you for the well wishes and prayers following my knee replacement surgery. The surgery went well, and I am on the way to recovery. Special thanks to Pastor Randy for preaching and being available for emergencies. And special thanks to Rochelle for 'holding down the fort.'

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

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.
Holy Communion all Sundays
of Easter season

Sunday School

Sept. 10th—May 19th
9-9:50 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Pastor:

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While this was not my first surgery, it was my first joint replacement, and the recovery process is quite interesting. The day after surgery, when the nurse asked where I felt pain, I pointed to a few places on my leg, and well as my knee. The nurse explained that those areas were most likely bruised during the surgery procedure – which I thought was odd since I didn't see any bruises. But it was the beginning of a two week long scavenger hunt. Each day, I checked to see where a new blotch of purple would appear. The bruises did not appear all at once, and some are taking longer to disappear. It was fascinating – how something could hurt without any visible sign of injury and how my body did what it was created to do.

My scavenger hunt reminded me that all of us have hurts – some more visible than others – including issues of hunger. While it is easy to see protruding ribs, we may not see children struggling to concentrate at school or people not having enough energy to do their work well. Like bruises that have not yet show their color, food insecurity can cause issues in the present and limit future opportunities.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. In video clips shown before worship service, we have seen how baby chicks and instructions have provided steady sources of protein to those living in Kentucky and how a handful of vitamins sprinkled over food helps prevent malnutrition in children in India. ELCA World Hunger ministries help people to be seen and receive the resources to live abundantly.

Just as our bodies were created with the ability to heal and recover, the body of Christ is created to work to heal and feed our neighbors in need. Thank you to those who have donated money for ELCA World Hunger and peanut butter for local food pantries. We will continue to collect donations through May 19. Also thank you to our anonymous donor who will match donations up to \$500. Together, we are part of bringing hope to those who have been bruised and hurt by hunger.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane



Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly: June 1-2 Holiday Inn, Fargo

Thank you to Jeanne Wobbema, Linda Anderson, and Pr. Diane for their willingness to serve as TLC'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". This year's theme comes from ELCA's Mission Statement, "Jesus Christ calls us to live in love as we serve, equip, and CHALLENGE God's people." Together, we will explore how we can learn, discern, and respond to challenges.



TLC's 140th Anniversary: September 15, 2024

We will celebrate 140 years of ministry. Worship Service will be at 10 a.m. with Bishop

Tessa Moon Leiseth (Eastern ND Synod). Following worship there will be a catered meal and a program. More information will be available later.



With spring clean up, consider donating gently used items for Casa de Fe Mission team's rummage sale in August. Items can be left in the room labeled "Rummage Sale" in the lower level of TLC. Items **not** accepted are: adult clothing, large/small appliances, TVs, & computers. If you have furniture to donate, call/text Pat Beil (490-2339) to view/accept for sale. Stay tuned for more details & sale date!



Church Musicians Recognized on Sunday, April 28

Church musicians play a vital role in enhancing the worship experience for congregations. Their dedication and talent contribute to the spiritual atmosphere during services. We give thanks to Amy Anderson and Naomi Schlecht for sharing their musical talents with us each Sunday, Wednesdays of Lent, & for funerals at TLC. They are both blessings to the congregation of TLC!



Wanted: 6-8 individuals willing to play in a Bell Choir for TLC's 140th Anniversary on Sept. 15, 2024. No experience playing bells necessary but need the ability to recognize an assigned note on a music staff and keep rhythm. Men, women and students 16 or over welcome. If interested, contact Amy at 840-8468 by 5/31. About 3 essential rehearsals will be held prior to the anniversary date.



Remember, a "free ride" to Trinity Lutheran is ready and waiting for your call!

The Sr. Transit bus will deliver you to/from TLC for Worship or other church gatherings/events at no cost to you! Call the Sr. Center (845-4300) and tell them to put in on "Trinity Lutheran tab". Now there is such a thing as a "free ride" ... to Trinity, at least!



Everyone is welcome to a webinar entitled "Creating & Empowering a Stewardship Team" – sponsored by the Eastern North Dakota Synod – on Monday, May 13, starting at 6:30 p.m. This one hour event explores ways to enhance the work of stewardship committee members and others. For more info and the zoom link, visit eandsynod.org; click on "Resources"; and click on "Stewardship."

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General	\$ 8,718.00	\$19,029.48	\$14,811.79	\$12,935.69
Memorial	\$12,491.34	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$12,491.34
Designated	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Building	\$-10,976.52	\$ 0.00	\$ 350.75	\$-11,327.27
Total	\$10,232.82	\$19,029.48	\$15,162.54	\$14,099.76

April 2024 Worship Attendance:

April 7: 45

April 14: 50

April 21: 50

April 28: 41



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH:

Our Sunday school year is winding down, but it will be a busy end of the year. Please note the events happening below:

Sunday School:

May 5 & 12: Sunday School meets (PreK-gr. 6)

May 19: Last day of Sun. School for school year

May 26: No Sunday School

Youth-led Sunday: 10 a.m. on May 19th:

Sunday School youth will be assisting with Worship that morning so please mark your calendar to be in attendance at Worship. Graduates (high school & college) and Christian Ed teachers will also be recognized on that morning.



Thank you to our Sunday School teachers (Aadon Stanton-Ring, Sadie Olson, Bentley Wieser, Kellen Westman, Linda Anderson, & Rebecca

Westman) for another great year. We couldn't have done it without all of you!



June 4-6, 2024 @ OSLC

12:30-5 p.m.

Ages: Kndg-6th grade

This is a joint effort of TLC, Faith, & OSLC. A registration link has been emailed to TLC families. **Registration deadline is May 1st.** If interested in volunteering, please contact Rebecca Westman.

W.E. Erickson Scholarship applications can be picked up in the church office for college students.

Eligibility requirements are:



- Active member of Trinity Lutheran Church (student and/or parents).
- Good academic standing (GPA min. of 2.5).
- Enrolled in University or Technical College.
- Preference given to enrolled Christian Ministry students.
- Students must have completed one academic year to be eligible.
- Undergraduates may renew the scholarship one time, with preference given to first time applicants.
- 10 hours of church/community service (within 12 mos) which has been verified by a supervisor through phone call/email/letter.

Completed applications should be dropped off in TLC office by May 21, 2023.

Confirmation Corner — May 2024

Confirmation classes have ended for this school year. A **Bingo & Pizza party** will take place @ TLC on **Wednesday, May 1st, beginning at 6:30 p.m.** That same evening, 9th grade students & their parents/guardians will have a short meeting at 7:30 p.m. to talk about Affirmation of Baptism in the fall. Please make every effort to be in attendance for that meeting.

On the morning of **Sunday, May 19th**, Sunday School youth & Confirmation youth will be assisting in Worship. It will be a special day as we will also be acknowledging adult Confirmation Assistants (from TLC): Rebecca Westman and Nicole Olson. Other teachers include: Pastors (Diane/TLC, Kyle/OSLC, and Jamie/Faith), Tara Anderson, Jacob Olson, Pat Edinger, and Wendi Wilmes. Please plan on attending Worship that morning with your family!



Reminder: 9 worship notes are expected to be completed over the course of the school year. Notes are located on the desk next to the sound system.



On Sunday, May 19th, during Worship we will be recognizing graduating individuals.

TLC members graduating from high school this spring include: **Peyton Olson, Lucas Compson-Lorenz, and Shaunn Wieser.** More info about their future plans will be provided in the June/July newsletter.

Graduating from college:

Lexi Triebold: Univ. of Minnesota/Mpls: Bachelor of Industrial & Systems Engineering.

Maddy Langemo: VCSU: Business Education degree and Marketing minor.

Eric Schaefer: Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture: Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology

Mya Anderson: Minot State Univ.: Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



**RED WILLOW
MINISTRIES**

**2024 Camp Registration
is open!**

Register for a summer full of fun, friends, and faith in the midst of the beautiful and unplugged space of camp (located near Binford, ND). This summer's theme is "Created to Be". We are loved and accepted by God even before we enter this world. Through TLC's Endowment fund, TLC youth can attend for FREE! Contact the TLC office to get the camper scholarship code. To see a full list of available camps and to register online, go to: www.redwillowministries.com/camps.



Fam/Friends of Wade Worrall (Linda Westby's brother); F/F of Ronnie Whetzel (Diane Kracht's brother; died 4/26); Carol Olson, JoAnn Korf, Noah Astorga, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Nicole Wieser, Chad Henningsgard, Tom Sheets (Shirley Koslofsky's son-in-law/Elsa Kamphuis' brother), Sandie (Dahl) Mielke (Jerry's sis), Nicole Gordon (Julie Yokom's niece), ; Casa de Fe orphanage; our **ELCA EaND SYNOD/Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth**; our **ELCA/Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton**; our missionaries; **Our Synod Partner: Central African Republic; Peace**



Blessing of Quilts & Quilter Appreciation on Sunday, April 28:

TLC Quilters have worked all year creating beautiful quilts (totaling nearly 100 quilts!) to be shipped out to those in need all over the world. We appreciate the following

TLC'ers for their creativity and dedication coming to TLC every Wednesday morning: Sue Martin, Susan Smith, Margaret Heise, Karen Ladbury, Gayle Hoff, Linda Westby, and Ethel Heckman.

Most quilts will be shipped out, but a limited number will be also be available for sale (\$45 minimum). If you'd like to purchase a quilt for yourself or as a gift (think Mother's/Father's Day or graduation gifts!), stop in at the church by May 5th.



WELCA is looking for people who can help in the kitchen with funeral lunches &/or potlucks, when the need arises. If you are willing to have your name on the "additional helpers" list, please contact Jeanne Wobbema: (701)230-8745; or the TLC office (701)845-3837.

Bruce Kracht has volunteered to remodel the church kitchen (painting walls & cabinets/cupboards, relaminating countertops, updating hardware). A kitchen fund has been established to help with expenses. Anyone willing to give to this cause can donate by giving WELCA Treasurer, Cindy Weisenburger, a check (made payable to WELCA). This donation would be above and beyond your normal giving. We thank Bruce for blessing us with his talents!



April 2024 Memorials

Kitchen Fund/WELCA

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

In memory of **Erna Lahr**
Given by Sue Martin



Our next book club selection is **Hello Beautiful** by Ann Napolitano. We will meet **Thurs., May 2**, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the entire book.

Ways you can **SERVE**

Looking for a way to serve at TLC? Please let us know where you'd like to help serve: Ushering, scripture reading, greeting, hosting coffee fellowship, teaching Sunday School, chaperoning youth activities, getting involved on a committee, etc. We will find a spot for you! Please contact Rochelle in the TLC office @ 845-3837; or trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com.



Treasure Sale

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. N., Valley City
Fri., May 3: 3-6 p.m.
Sat., May 4: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Coffee, juice, & rolls served on Saturday morning, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Proceeds to support Youth & Mission Projects.
(Quilt sale will be in the fall)



ELCA World Hunger

Look Who's Turning 50!!!

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of ELCA World Hunger, TLC's Outreach Committee has set 2 goals for us: to raise \$500 for World Hunger AND build a "silo" of peanut butter for local food pantries.

Ways you can participate – you can do one or more of these:

- Check out the display in the Gathering Area.
- Take home your very own piggy bank and bring back your monetary donation.
- Give a monetary donation using an envelope from the display area.
- Donate a jar of peanut butter (16-32 oz).
- Visit elca.org/WH50 for more information

Donations will be collected at Trinity from now through May 19. Plus, an anonymous donor has committed to match funds up to \$500! Thank you to ALL who donate! As of April 30, \$250 has been raised!

"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." – 1 John 3:18

The following information is from elca.org website: For 50 years, we have joined together as Lutherans to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger. Part of our church's long tradition of meeting human needs, ELCA World Hunger testifies to our hope for and commitment to God's promise of a time when we will hunger and thirst no more. In 2024, we commemorate the 50th anniversary of this ministry. We have made great strides, but once again we face a startling increase in global hunger. As we reflect on our last 50 years of ministry together, we know God calls us to respond to the needs of the world now more than ever. Let's join with others throughout the ELCA and be part of the story of our next 50 year together – boldly and faithfully pursuing God's promise of a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger walks alongside communities in 64 countries — including the United States — to create unique solutions to specific challenges. By working with and through congregations and partners in the United States and throughout the world – ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, our gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Examples of what our donations can do: \$10 buys chicks; \$20 honeybees; \$30 a piglet; \$50 a goat; \$500 a cow; and \$715 buys a whole family farm. ELCA Hunger also provides meals, school supplies, vaccinations, training, and much more.

