

DECEMBER 2021



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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Worship

Sundays, 10 am

Sunday School

Oct. 19th—May 23rd
9-9:45 am

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 am

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Robert Franek

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Rochelle Triebold

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Hours: 9 am-3 pm, M-Th
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Kaneia Kinney

Offerings Secretary:

Karen Magnuson

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity "Tidings"



It is good to be back in North Dakota and to be walking with you in this time of transition.

I was born in North Dakota and lived in Minnewaukan for seven years, however, I primarily grew up in Cheyenne, Wyoming. As a young kid I quickly found a home and a welcome in my congregation that I did not have at school, where I loved learning and hated recess. I grew up in a small congregation with an eclectic mix of people. There were some 40 to 60 at worship on Sundays. I loved my years assisting as an acolyte and washing the communion ware.

Though quite active in my congregation growing up serving on the altar guild and mowing the lawn with my dad, I never imagined going to seminary. I even began college with a declared major in accounting. I graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, with a double major in accounting and religion in 2003. That summer I began seminary in Dubuque, Iowa at Wartburg Theological Seminary. In addition to my studies, I worked in the President's Office, served as a Sacristan on the Chapel staff, and worked in the Admissions Office. I graduated from Wartburg in the class of 2007.

My first call was to Faith Lutheran in Wataga, Illinois (near Galesburg). I served this small congregation for over ten years. During the past three years I served three different and distinct congregations Rockford, Illinois, as their interim pastor.

I have heartily embraced the identity of "church nerd". I enjoy synod and churchwide assemblies am inspired by the ministry we do as church together for the sake of the world. In the Northern Illinois Synod I served on Synod Council, as co-chair of the synod worship committee, and as a member of the synod's Rostered Ministers Continuing Education team and Care for Creation Committee.

While in seminary I learned of the ministry of Bread for the Word and the impact of scale that public policy has compared to charitable efforts. I was hooked. Over the years I have prioritized making connections between faith and public life.

I enjoy reading in the areas of current affairs to cultural studies and economics to history. I have become somewhat of a coffee connoisseur and prefer dark roasts. I always enjoy trying new coffees and love supporting local and fair-trade. I relish the quiet beauty of botanical gardens and arboretums. For the past year I have enjoyed walks at Forest Preserves near Rockford.

I love to travel for conferences and to see family and friends. I am fascinated with the wonders of nature from forests to waterfalls. One of my dreams is to return to the Grand Canyon and experience it from the skywalk.

I am grateful to join in the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran and look forward to the gospel work we do together in this time of transition while continuing our baptismal call to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Blessed Advent,
Pastor Robert Franek
Interim Pastor

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

Family/Friends of **Marlene Bischoff** (12/01 funeral @ TLC), F/F of **Mick Pytlík** (11/30 funeral @ OSLC; Marleen's son), F/F of **Jane Huber** (died 11/11 in Fgo); **Linda Westby** (12/01 heart surgery), **Cyndi Twidt** (back), **Chad Henningsgard**, **Dewey Magnuson**, **Pat Beil**, **Phil Krentz** (Debbie Magnuson's dad), **Glenice Carlson** (Karen Magnuson's friend), **Kate Lehr** (Pat Beil's grandniece); **Others in need/tragedies**; our SYNOD /Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth; our ELCA /Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton; our missionaries; military men/women; **OUR SYNOD PARTNERS: Central African Rep.; PEACE**



You are welcome to invite family & friends to join in our TLC Christmas Eve Candle-light Worship & Holy Communion, at 4 p.m. on December 24th!



SMP—St. Raphael (formerly Sheyenne Care Center) 2021 Stocking Stuffer Program

SMP/St. Raphael will once again be accepting donated items for their Stocking Stuffer program. The items that are donated will be given to the residents and the money raised will be used to purchase personal items for the residents all to be delivered on Christmas Day to each resident's room. The below list of items or tax deductible financial gift may be dropped off @ the SCC business office by **Dec. 10th between 8 am– 5 pm (weekdays)**. *Please do not wrap your gift items.* Questions can be directed to Cindy Schwehr at (701)845-8238.

- Cologne/perfume
- Socks/slippers
- Undershirts (L/XL)
- Sweaters/shirts
- Suspenders
- Handkerchiefs
- Gloves/scarves
- Pictures/frames
- New jewelry (clip earrings)
- Sachet for dresser drawers
- Candy (diabetic & regular)
- Stationary/address book/stamps
- Nail polish/lipstick
- Puzzle books
- Music CD's
- Fun water bottles
- Daily devotion/scripture booklets
- Lotion/body sprays
- Gift certificates for barber/beauty shop, local restaurants & stores
- Daily devotions
- Rosaries
- Long distance phone cards
- Soft, fuzzy blankets
- Calendars
- Small artificial plants
- Adult color books
- Purses/billfolds
- New or used iPods/iPads
- Handheld massagers



A blessed ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, & NEW YEAR'S to you from us!

Rochelle

Pr. Robert

Amy

Jerry & Michelle

Marleen

Karen

Naomi

Kaneia



Bell ringers needed! The VC Salvation Army Kettle campaign has begun and are in need of bell ringers! Sign up to ring by calling Naomi at (701)541-1418 or Lenora at (701)840-1357. Thanks!



15th Annual "Sounds of the Season"
@ OSLC 12:10-12:50 p.m.
Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, & 22

Featured performers: 1st (Faye Bubach), 8th (Beth Quick Berge), 15th (Trisa Olson), 22nd (Brad Edin)

Bring your own lunch and listen to some delightful Christmas music in the Sanctuary @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church (138 3rd St. NW). All are welcome!



Have a favorite hymn? We want to know! There is a **hymn suggestion box** at back of Sanctuary on the sign up table. Complete the info requested on the suggestion slips and deposit in the box.

"God's Work. Our Hands."

October 2021 Financial

Beginning Balance (as of 10/01/21):	\$ 22,603.85
Income:	\$10,691.00
Expenses:	\$ 6,565.91
Ending Balance (as of 10/31/21):	\$26,728.94

November 2021 Worship Attendance

7th: 68	21st: 51
14th: 52	28th: 54



Don't Miss

Mark your calendar for the Trinity Lutheran Annual meeting on **Sunday, Jan. 23rd, 2021**, after 10 am Worship.

Potluck to follow the meeting. Committee heads/treasurers, please have your reports/financial books in to the church office by **Jan. 5th** for our auditing team and book compilation.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The Sunday school students are preparing for their 2021 Christmas Program and excited to be back in person. We will be practicing during Sunday school on December 5 & 12.

Please make sure your children are present for practice. **The program will take place on Sun., Dec. 12th during 10 a.m. Worship service.**



Dec. 8th is an early dismissal day at VCPS. The K-6 students of Trinity, Faith, & Our Saviors are partnering to have a Fellowship Fun Day. We will meet at Our Saviors following school dismissal. We will then take the students to the movie theater for movie just before 3:00. Each student is asked to bring \$5 for a popcorn/pop/candy pack. Parents are responsible for picking up the students at the theater at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP by emailing Rebecca Westman at: christianedtlc@bektel.com.

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 5th & 12th - Christmas Prgm practice
 December 8th - Fellowship Fun Day @ Our Saviors (see info above)
 December 19th - January 2nd: **NO Sunday School**
 January 9th - Sunday school resumes



December WELCA Events:

Holiday "Bake Sale" @ TLC
 Sat., Dec. 11th: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 12th: before & after Worship



*Please bring your baked goods available for sale to TLC on Fri., Dec. 10th (before noon) or on day of sale (by 10 a.m.). All free-will offering sales of baked goods will benefit the TLC WELCA mission.

ALSO, if you'd like to **pre-order** your holiday goodies, please contact us via phone (845-3837) or email (trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com) by Dec. 6th.

The bake sale pre-order form can be found our website (near bottom of page):
www.trinitylutheran-valleycity.org.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 5 p.m., WELCA will have its Christmas party supper @ Jimmy's Pizza in VC. Bring a \$10 wrapped gift for games & exchange. All WELCA members are invited to attend!

There will be no regular meeting in December.



To those who donated canned/paper items or gave monetary donations for the Barnes Co. Food pantry drive AND toward the Community Thanksgiving baskets... THANK YOU!!!

Confirmation Corner — Dec. 2021

Confirmation class schedule for Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m./Basement/masks

Wednesday, December 1, is the only class day in December (for gr. 7-9). We will resume classes beginning on Jan. 12th.

December Acolyte schedule:

Dec. 5th: Georgia Zaun
 Dec. 12th: Sadie Olson
 Dec. 19th: Zander Compson
 Dec. 24th: Georgia Zaun
 Dec. 26th: Collin Compson

Reminder: Confirmation students need **6 sermon** notes each completed **by Jan. 30th**, in order to have our pizza party on Feb. 2nd.

Coming up: The Trinity Youth Gr. 7-9 are invited to Faith Lutheran on Thurs., Dec. 2nd at 4 p.m. They will be decorating a float for the **Holiday Lights Parade** and having pizza. Then they will participate in the parade at 6 p.m. We encourage our youth to participate in this fun event!!



Congratulations to...

Lucas Compson-Lorenz, Shaunn Wieser, and Peyton Olson on their Affirmation of Baptism, which took place on Sunday, Oct. 31st, during Worship, with Rev. Randy

Schlecht. Thank you to Jerry Yokom, Mike Hoff, and Bernie Walters for serving as their mentors.



Dear TLC Council /Congregation,
 What an ideal day for me to write to you, beloved saints, on this "All Saints Day (11/01/21)"!

I am finally "settled" enough inside & out to be able to sit and remember, smile and sigh, and give thanks to, and for you all. Thank you so much for all of the wonderful and heartwarming words, gifts, and gatherings to help me move into this new chapter called "retirement" (the "last supper"): the Open House, our 8/29 Worship, the wonderful & beautiful 4 dozen red roses, the red Watertown tshirt (which I've been wearing with delight and remembering you as I do!)... we "farewell'd" well, as hard as it was.

I continue to thank God for you and all we shared, and hold you in my heart and prayers as God leads you on.

Love, Pr. JoAnne Moeller

Poinsettias for Christmas

If you plan to give a donation towards a poinsettia plant, please fill out below info and return this form to the church **no later than Dec. 13th**. You may either give money towards a plant (\$20 recommended donation) or order the plant yourself and bring it to the church by Dec. 20th.

_____ We plan to buy a plant and deliver to the church by Dec. 20th.

_____ We are enclosing \$_____ to go towards the Christmas plant fund.

Church office will order a predetermined amount of plants to adorn our sanctuary. (Recommended donation is \$20, but please give whatever amount you can afford.)

Name of person(s) giving: _____

Name of person(s) it is given in memory/honor of (please circle memory or honor): _____

November 2021 Memorials

PEW CUSHIONS

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**
Given by LeRoy & Karen Magnuson,
Carol Olson, Jerry & Julie Yokom

In memory of **Marlene Bischoff**
Given by Jerry & Julie Yokom

RADIO MINISTRY

In memory of **Gale "Buzz" Eggert**
Given by Tom & Karen Overn

WELCA

In memory of **Lorraine Benzinger**
Given by Mary Etta Moore

CASA DE FE

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**
Given by Sue Martin

In memory of **Marlene Bischoff**
Given by Sue Martin

A BLUE CHRISTMAS TREE

at Veteran's Park on Main St.
Valley City, ND

IN REMEMBRANCE
OF THOSE FROM OUR COMMUNITY
WHO HAVE DIED THIS PAST YEAR

Drive by or sit in your car.
Feel what you feel. Pray.
Remember your Loved One.
You are not alone in your grief.

Lights are sponsored by the Barnes County Ministerial Association, Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Lerud-Schuldt-Mathias Funeral Home. Brought to you by the Valley City Parks Department and City of Valley City.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2021:

Council President: Diane Kracht **Vice Pres.:** Randy Ladbury **Secretary:** Linda Anderson
Other members: Jennifer Jenness, Russ Larson, Gene Langemo, Rodney Moore, Linda Westby

November 2021 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Present: Diane Kracht, Kaneia Kinney, Linda Anderson, Gene Langemo, Linda Westby, Randy Ladbury, Jennifer Jenness, Pastor Robert

Absent: Rodney Moore, Russ Larson



CALL TO ORDER – Diane Kracht

DEVOTION / PRAYER – Pastor Robert; Exodus 3

CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you from Pastor Joanne

AGENDA REVIEW / ADDITIONS – Jennifer made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Linda W, approved by Council.

MINUTES of Last Meeting – Gene made a motion to approve the October minutes; seconded by Jennifer, approved by Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Randy made a motion to approve the October Treasurer's report; seconded by Linda W, approved by Council.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Nice potluck on Sunday, and getting settled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education/Diane: We are still in need of substitute Sunday school teachers. Confirmation will meet on Wed. with 7-9 graders through Dec. 1 and then will meet again on January 12.

Endowment/Randy: Oct 31 meeting – request from WELCA for \$1000 for storage containers. They received \$500. \$500 for Thanksgiving baskets. \$500 was given to the kids attending the youth convention and \$750 to chaperone. \$627.58 each went to BC Food Pantry, BC Salvation Army, and the BC Senior Center. Next meeting is April 3rd, 2022.

Global Missions/Jennifer: nothing to report

Outreach/Diane & Gene: Volunteers needed for to fill Thanksgiving baskets on Thursday & deliver on Friday.

Property/Russ & Gene: Faucets, dishwasher. and garbage disposal fixed at parsonage. Work continues on parsonage bathroom.

Stewardship/Linda A: We are now collecting items and monetary donations for the Barnes County Food Pantry until November 24th.

Worship-Music/Diane: Going well. Amy & Naomi will still take turns with music.

Youth/TLC Kids Club-Rodney: nothing to report

WELCA (Women of ELCA)/Linda W: 3 more bake sales before the holidays. Pre-order form will be in the bulletin and in the church office.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Maintenance and Custodial job descriptions

B. Thanksgiving Baskets: They will make about 100 baskets.

C. Interim: Expectations were discussed.

D. Call Committee: wanting 7 people

E. Pew Cushion Fund Raiser: is in progress. There is a chart at the back of sanctuary.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Adult Membership: Shaun Wieser, Lucas Compson-Lorenz, Peton Olson; Jennifer made a motion to accept above members to adult membership; seconded by Gene, approved by Council.

B. Annual Meeting date: January 23rd, 2022 after Worship

C. Christmas Service: 4:00 pm service on Christmas Eve

D. Council Meeting time: 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting will be December 14th, 2021 at 6:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

