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

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

Sunday School

Oct. 19th—May 14th
 9-9:45 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 am

Pastor:

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Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity Tidings



When the day of Pentecost had come...
 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among
 them... Acts 2:1-21

I have a friend whose son asks the most interesting questions. For example, one day, when he was 11 years old, he asked me what I thought would happen if he held a candle under a ping pong ball. I guessed it would heat the air inside the ball and pop it. Wrong. He took me to the backyard, put a ping pong ball on an old stump, and held a flame to it. The ball caught fire and burned – for quite a while with quite a high flame. He and I stood watching in wonder before I began asking a few questions of my own. Such as “What made you think of putting flame to a ping pong ball? Have you done this before? What else have you torched lately?”

Don't worry. He did not grow up to be an arsonist. He is a mechanical engineer. His curiosity and desire to experiment are important to his work. (But please don't try his idea.)

On May 28, we celebrate the Day of Pentecost – the 50th day after Easter Sunday. God's Spirit came upon the disciples with the rush of a mighty wind and tongues of fire on each person's head. They began to speak in other languages so that everyone in Jerusalem could understand that Jesus is the risen and living Son of God. The flame that rested upon them is with us as well.

Curiosity and the desire to experiment are important to our holy work of sharing God's grace and love. We can and should ask those “What would happen if...” questions. What would happen if we tried something new; reached beyond our comfort zone; embraced someone who is different from us; stopped and really listened to someone; or shared how deeply vital our faith is to us? Would we pop? Or would we shine?

It doesn't take a tree stump to answer this. But it did take a tree – a cross – and Jesus dying and rising to new life. We are Easter people – redeemed and resurrected. We are Pentecost people – set on fire to share the good news of Jesus. May we burn brightly and forever with the passion and compassion of our Lord. And may we be bold to ask questions and partake in holy experiments.

In Christ,
 Pastor Diane Krumm



**Eastern North Dakota
Synod Assembly: June 3-4
Holiday Inn, Fargo**

Thank you to Jeanne Wobbema and Rochelle Triebold for being willing to be Trinity Lutheran's voting members to this year's Synod Assembly. Assembly will be June 3-4, in Fargo. This year's theme will be "EQUIP," and the theme scripture passage is Ephesians 4:12.

There are at least two other ways to participate in the assembly: watch the livestream on the synod's Facebook page and/or attend the "Food for All" Block Party.



**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN
MISSION IN C.A.R. & CAMEROON**

2023 marks the centennial anniversary of the Sudan Mission – the arrival of the first missionaries to the area that is now the Central African Republic and Cameroon. A centennial celebration and visits to companion synods in the US are planned as part of this commemoration and ongoing partnership.

Members and friends of the Eastern North Dakota Synod are invited to participate in the Centennial Celebration planned for July 7-9 in Minneapolis. Also, a tentative evening program is scheduled for June 6th at Our Savior's Lutheran, VC, with guests from C.A.R.

For more info, visit EaNDsynod.org, click on the "Events" tab, and then "Sudan Mission Centennial & Companion Synod Visit."



Everyone is welcome to join the EaND Synod Advocacy & Action team for a neighborhood block party benefiting rural hunger ministries! This event will take place in connection with the Synod Assembly, but it is open to all.

WHAT: 2023 "FOOD FOR ALL" BLOCK PARTY

WHEN: Saturday, June 3, 6-8pm

WHERE: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fargo

WHY: In support and celebration of hunger ministries across our synod.

Featuring...

Food Trucks: Come enjoy Mexican, Indigenous, and French food

Dunk Tank: Help raise money for hunger programs by dunking some of your favorite synod representatives!

Fill the Bishop's Car Food Drive: Bring non-perishable food items to help us fill up the Bishop's car. Food will be donated to local hunger programs.

Local Hunger Ministry Booths

Petting Zoo

Music

All proceeds will be shared with rural hunger ministries around the synod!



Memorial Day Recognition on May 28th @ TLC

On Sunday, May 28, we would like to recognize those who have served in the military who have connections to Trinity. If you or a family member has served or is currently serving in the military, please give the following information to Rochelle: name, branch of military, where served, years served, and any other comments.

We will be publishing this information in the 5/28 bulletin. Also, if you have supported our troops in other ways – such as in the Honor Guard or Auxiliary – or if you are a Gold Star Mother, please share your information as well. ***Please submit information by May 14 to the church office*** (trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com). If you have questions, please contact Pastor Diane. Thank you for your service to our nation.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Thank you, parents, for getting your child/children to Sunday school. We are thankful to have them with us each Sunday we meet.

Thank you to our teachers (Carson Johnson, Sadie Olson, Kellen Westman, Linda Anderson, & Rebecca Westman) and substitutes (Rachel Johnson, Elsa Kamphuis, Nicole Olson, & Boyd Westman) for another great year. We couldn't have done it without you!!!



VBS Vacation Bible School this summer will take place June 28-30 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Registration forms have been emailed out and paper copies have been given to our Sunday School students. **Please have them returned by Sunday, May 14, 2023.**

IMPORTANT DATES

May 14th: Youth Led Worship, Graduate & Teacher Recognition Sunday and our **LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL** for the school year.

June 28-30th: VBS registration due: May 14, 2023

July 9-14: Mission trip to Duluth, MN for high school students.

Confirmation Corner — April 2023

The last day that Confirmation class will meet for this school year is on Wednesday, May 3rd. Students are expected to meet up at Jefferson Elementary school at 6:30 p.m. for the VC Crop Walk. The walk begins at 7 p.m. Families are invited to walk too!



Acolytes

If your son/daughter is available to acolyte, please sign up at the back sanctuary table, or contact the church office (phone: 845-3837; or email: trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com).

Worship Notes

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



On the morning of Sunday, May 14th, Sunday School youth & Confirmation youth will be assisting in Worship. It will be a special day as we will also be acknowledging graduates & teachers that day. Please plan on attending Worship that morning with your family!



On Sunday, May 14th, during Worship we will be recognizing graduating individuals.

TLC members graduating from high school this year include: **Max Magnuson, Evan Duffy, and Autumn McGough**. More info about their future plans will be provided in the June/July newsletter.

Graduating from college this school year was **Kyle Triebold** (Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from NDSU/Dec. '22).

Visit Red Willow Bible Camp website to learn more about camp options and to register: redwillowministries.com. There are funds available from TLC Endowment to pay for any TLC campers wanting to attend! Contact the TLC office for info (trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com; 845-3837).

RED WILLOW MINISTRIES

2023 Camp Registration is Open!



CAMP SCHEDULE:

- Seekers Day (K-6): June 2
- Taste of Camp (K-2): June 11-16 & July 30-Aug 4
- Pathfinders (2-3): June 11-16 & July 30-Aug 4
- Explorers (3-4): June 4-9 & June 18-23
- Creation (4-6): June 11-16 & July 30-Aug 4
- Genesis (5-6): June 4-9, June 18-23 & June 25-30
- Disciples (7-9): June 4-9, June 18-23, June 25-30 & July 30-Aug 4
- Amp Camp (9-12): July 23-28
- Holy Hoops (5-9): June 25-30
- Leadership Training (15-16 years): June 11-23 & June 25-July 5
- Family Camp (All Ages): July 2-5



Family/Friends of Darlene Elsner (wife of Bernie Elsner's cousin; died 4/19); Lenn (stroke; Susan Smith's bro-in-law in AZ), Sandie (Dahl)

Mielke (Jerry's sis), Michelle Carlblom, Jessica (Carlblom) Kuska (gall bladder surgery/pregnancy), Nicole Gordon (Julie Yokom's niece/cancer), Chad Couture (hand injury), Shirley Koslofsky, Carol Grotberg, Chad Henningsgard, Rev. Brad Skogen (Associate with the Bishop/Eastern ND Synod, heart attack); **Others in need/tragedies**; our Synod/Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth; our **ELCA/Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton**; our missionaries; military women/men (Steve Frizell); **Casa de Fe** (orphanage in Shell, Ecuador); **Our Synod Partner: Central African Rep.; Peace.**



The next WELCA Cluster meeting will be held at English Lutheran Church in Medina, ND, on Saturday, May 6th, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jeanne Wobbema (230-8745) so that we can arrange for car rides.

On Sunday, May 7th during Worship, Pr. Diane will be blessing the LWR Personal Care kits and quilts that will be shipped off mid-May. TLC will be sending 52 care kits. Thank you to all who donated items for this project!



With spring clean up, consider donating gently used items for the rummage sale Casa de Fe Mission team will be having in August.

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. Stay tuned for more details and sale date!



TLC member, Mary Etta Moore, would like to say "thanks" to WELCA and all involved who mailed her an Easter card this year. Though she now lives in MN, she likes to stay connected to TLC and appreciates being thought of!

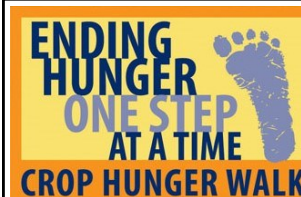
March 2023 TLC Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 3/01/23):	\$ 9,676.72
Income:	\$12,900.49
Expenses:	\$16,013.43
Ending Balance (as of 3/31/23):	\$ 6,563.78

Thank you to all who financially donated to the Easter plants this year, or who brought a plant!

April 2023 Worship Attendance @ TLC:

Sundays:	Holy Week:
2nd: 62	6th (Maundy Thurs.): 34
9th: 123	7th (Good Fri.): 30
16th: 60	
23rd: 61	



**Wednesday, May 3rd
7 p.m.
Start @ Jefferson Elem.
School
(1150 Central Ave. North)**

Did you know that over 36,000 ND families and individuals are food insecure? You can make a difference in LOCAL and GLOBAL hunger this year by being a part of our 2023 CROP Hunger Walk.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the US, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

Monetary donations to this year's CROP Hunger Walk will support the Barnes Co. Food Pantry and the Hi-Liner Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who gave a financial donation during the special offering on 4/23. We will be having another special offering on 4/30. Please make checks payable to CROP Walk.



Carol Grotberg says "thank you" to the WELCA ladies & Ruth Triebold for the cards sent to her while she was hospitalized, to Pr. Diane for the painting gift, and to all who took time to stop and visit her. She is getting along well with a walker and we're hopeful she will be walking independently again. She was happy to move out of her apartment and into a group home with no steps. She's looking forward to coming to church soon and celebrating her 70th birthday in July.

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

April 2023 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

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



I. CALL TO ORDER: President, Linda Anderson

II. DEVOTION/PRAYER: Pastor Diane, John 20:30-31

III. CORRESPONDENCE: None

IV. AGENDA REVIEW/ADDITIONS: Stan made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Gene, motion carried.

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

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Russ made a motion to receive the March Treasurer's report; seconded by Kim, motion carried.

VII. PASTOR'S REPORT: see report

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Christian Education & Youth:** Jennifer

Last day of Sunday school is May 14th.

2. **Endowment:** Russ

Endowment Committee committed up to \$250 for food for VBS. They also are covering costs of campers from TLC for summer camps.

Kellen Westman was given \$250 for his mission trip to Duluth.

Next meeting is in September.

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

52 personal care kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

4. **Worship/Music:** Kathy

May 14th is Sunday School teacher recognition, high school/college graduate recognition, and youth led Sunday.

Pentecost Sunday is May 28th.

5. **WELCA (Women of ELCA):** Kim

\$350 was sent to Abused Persons Outreach Center.

\$200 was sent to Project Ignite Light

April 22nd is Chad Henningard's benefit at the Eagles.

Easter cards were sent to shut-ins.

Jamestown Cluster Event is May 6th in Medina, ND.

6. **Property:** Gene, Bruce & Stan

CHURCH: Direct wiring of the lights throughout the church is continuing.

Leaking in the Gather area has stopped.

PARSONAGE: Trees above the parsonage kitchen need to be trimmed.

Loose frame around west window needs assistance.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Sound System: Jason Anderson gave an update. HB Sound was sent the wrong back speakers and so they are waiting for the correct ones to come, about 2 to 6 weeks.

B. Endowment Committee vacancy: Gayle Hoff has declined council appointment.

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C. Voting members for Synod Assembly (June 3-4 in Fargo) – Jeanne Wobbema and Rochelle Triebold will be going as reps from TLC.

D. Installation of council members will be May 7th.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Lawn care: church & parsonage. We will ask Kellen Westman if he is interested.

B. Updated pictures of council members for the Gathering area were done.

C. Crop Walk: special offerings will be take April 23 & 30. The Crop Walk is May 3rd.

D. "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday September 10th will be our 10th anniversary. We are looking for celebration ideas.

XI. Next meeting will be May 9th, 2023 at 6:30pm.

XII. A motion was made by Kim to adjourn meeting, seconded by Bruce; motion carried.
Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

MEMBERS of the E.L.C.A.: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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TLC Council 2023

Front: Pr. Diane, Linda Anderson (Pres.), Kathy Hoefs, Kim Wittenberg (Vice Pres.)

Back: Russ Larson, Stan Flemmer, Gene Langemo, Bruce Anderson.

Not pictured: Jennifer Jenness



Trinity members recently welcomed visitors Patti Sue Arnold, creator and CEO of Casa de Fe in Shell, Ecuador, and her son John Paul. They were joined by Jeff and Rae Holte, Cormorant Lutheran, Lake Pake, MN, who recently returned to the US after spending the past four years as missionaries at Casa de Fe. Following a luncheon hosted and prepared by Trinity members, the visitors presented an update on Casa de Fe.

Patti Sue extended heartfelt thanks to Trinity, its members and the Valley City community for their continued support of Casa de Fe. Casa de Fe is going strong caring for 45 children at this time. It is continuing its mission to provide for underprivileged children of Shell, Ecuador, and the Amazon region by meeting their physical, educational, medical, and most importantly, their spiritual needs.

Currently, Casa de Fe has two important financial needs: a permanent residence on the Casa de Fe grounds for the special needs individuals and a bus to provide transportation to school for special needs students. There is still no physical therapist on staff. The only therapy is provided by visiting/traveling missionary therapists.

There have been changes at Casa de Fe. School-aged children now attend the public schools allowing the former school on campus to be renovated and used as guest quarters for visiting mission teams. A shelter has been added to the children's play area which provides shade and protection from the daily rains.

Those in attendance agreed it is always encouraging to hear first hand about the good that the monies raised at Trinity's Casa de Fe fundraisers provide. It is truly worth all of our efforts at Trinity!

Submitted by Pat Beil
TLC Mission team for Casa de Fe Chairperson



April 2023 Memorials

Pew Cushions/Memorial

In memory of **Richard Betting**
Given by Mary Etta Moore

In memory of **Phyllis Machtell**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Darrell Machtell**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

WELCA

In memory of **Sharon Whetzel**
Given by Mary Etta Moore

In memory of **Gladys Stevens**
Given by Carol Olson



**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!

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,
assisting with newsletter assembly,
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: trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com;
or 845-3837. There is also a sign up
sheet at the table next to the sound sys-
tem in back of sanctuary.



HOSPICE
RED RIVER VALLEY

Hospice of the Red River Val-
ley is committed to making
ongoing educational and
support opportunities avail-
able to our communities.

Grief support classes are offered in-person and
are free and open to the public. **Registration is
required for all classes.**

A complete listing of available classes follows:

Remembrance Service: 5/04, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Gather with us as we remember and honor
those who have died through a remembrance
service. This is a peaceful time to reflect on the
loss of someone special in your life. This is not a
religious service, rather a time to celebrate, re-
member, and find fellowship and strength
alongside others. *This remembrance service is
free and open to the public. Registration is re-
quired by one day prior to the service date.*

Hospice of the Red River Valley Fargo Office
1701 38th St S, Suite 101, Fargo (use west door)

Grief Journeys for Adults Support Group:

Date: Second Wednesday of each month

Time: 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: Hospice of the Red River Valley, 1240
W. Main Street, Valley City, N.D.

For more information &/or to register for above
events, please contact the grief support depart-
ment at [\(800\) 237-4629](tel:8002374629) or grief@hrrv.org.



Do you have a knack for sewing
and enjoy doing something special
for others? Hospice is looking for
volunteers to sew **Celebration
Bears**. Volunteers sew bears
made from a hospice patient's
clothing for the family or loved
ones as a keepsake to celebrate the patient's
memory. If interested, please contact a Hospice
Volunteer Coordinator at (800)237-4629 or
www.hrrv.org.