



The Trinity Tidings

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"Meals that Matter" are available downstairs.



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

Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Education/Fellowship Hour 10:15 am



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.



GRATEFUL · THANKFUL ·

Blessed





From Pastor Tim...

I have to face it, the weather is truly changing, and it is getting colder. We had a few of those days when the temperature went down, and then thankfully went up, but I am afraid those days are over and have given way to pumpkin spice latte's, sweaters, and cozy blankets. That is okay, it also means the beauty of Fall Colors and the crisp smell in the air.

Fall also means the school and church year have begun with all the 'usual' busyness and expectations. However, since 2020 nothing should be considered "usual" anymore, and it is not wise to compare the results of what is going on today and the results of what we can expect tomorrow with the results that happened regularly in the past, year after year. Even the weather, as was anticipated, will never be the same as it was, expect to adapt in ways we don't even know yet.

Covid changed everything. Everything. The day after everything was shut down, every business, church or gathering place had to reinvent the way they did business. The way we do business, live our lives, even take vacations has changed and we will never ever go back to the way things were before Covid struck. I think we all understand this. However, the difficult part will be to NOT compare the results of what we are doing now, with the result of what was done in the past. The context of the past and the context of the present cannot be adequately compared, and we must anticipate difference. The context has changed, and we still don't yet fully understand the context in which we are doing ministry. We do need to learn how to understand our skills and adapt them better for proclaiming the Gospel and doing service as quickly and flexibly as we possibly can as we move forward.

Along with almost every other church out there, we have a virtual presence that produces live and recorded worship opportunities for virtually anyone, and this is a great thing, but that also means people have the choice to not attend live worship anymore and just stay home. For some people this is a life-saver, for others it is just a convenience. It also means, the way people approach, or understand their offerings, and thus the amount or way people may offer the gifts has totally changed. E-giving is very easy for some, not available for others, using a stamp and an envelope is possible for some, inconvenient for others, I don't have a good answer. All I know is that we are not meeting our budget commitments. My point is that, all aspects of "doing church," has changed and we need to be creative, forward thinking, patient, aware and faithful.

From what I understand every other church is going through the difficulties/opportunities we are going through at this time. I love to look in to see the Women's Bible Study and see how they use technology to allow people who cannot physically attend at our library to still fully participate on their computers.

Our world has been turned upside down, and that means the participation of all of our faith community is essential at this time in whatever way you can participate. I can't stress how important worshipping and learning together is for building community. Sometimes, Sunday morning is the only time we get to see each other, tell stories and catch up on the news. To sing, praise and worship God together is such a life restorative experience.

Expect numbers and other demographics to change, nothing is the same as it was in the past, that goes for us and how we “do church” as well. Think about this passage from the Gospel of John, *“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.”*

John 14:12

Can you imagine doing greater things than Jesus? Wow!

See you in Church, Pastor Tim

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Children, Youth and Family

Hello everyone, it's been fun these last couple weekends! Thank you everyone who has been helping out and bringing kids to Sunday School! We have a couple things coming up this month. The first thing we have is October 2, the kids will be singing in church. I will be emailing everyone the lyrics that way they can work on that at home. We will be meeting in the library at 8:40 that morning to go over it together. On October 15th we will be doing a cookout for families of preschool-6th grade from 5-8 p.m. out at Sportsman's Park we will be having food and Games!! If you are interested in coming please let me know or send a text message. Then on October 29 from 3-5 pm Sleepy Eye E.C.F.E is having their Trunk or Treat and we will be attending that! Hope to see everyone at these events!!

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Happy Birthday this month to...
Kaylie Fulmer, Natalie Fulmer, Kyson Christensen
Did we miss you? Let us know so we can update our files!



October Calender of Upcoming Events

October 2: Kids Sing in Church (8:30 am)
October 15: Cookout at Sportsman's Park (5-8)
October 29: Trunk or Treat at School (3-5)



COOKOUT

For Families of Preschool-6th Grade!

October 15, 5-8 p.m

At Sportsman's Park Shelter

Food and Games!!



If you are interested in coming please let me know or send a text to (507)227-2627

Brittany Scharpe
Education Coordinator



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President Joseph R. Biden Jr.
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

As presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I join our colleagues in the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and its Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) in Jerusalem in expressing our deep appreciation for your visit to the hospital last Friday.

Your heartfelt words concerning the dignity of the Palestinian people and your tangible pledge of support for their continuing health care is a shared affirmation. Your announcement of a multiyear commitment of \$100 million to the East Jerusalem Hospitals Network (EJHN) is much welcomed. We commit our church to supporting this pledge by reinforcing the message to Congress that this humanitarian assistance is vital for Palestinians in need and should not be delayed or impaired by any political considerations.

We fully agree with your words that “Palestinians and Israelis deserve equal measure of freedom, security, prosperity, and dignity. And access to healthcare when you need it is essential to living a life of dignity for all of us.” As a member church of the LWF, and therefore a partner of AVH, we sincerely hope that this kind of support will continue because it will increase the EJHN’s sustainability and its capacity to offer much-needed medical care to Palestinians in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.

I would be remiss if I did not take this occasion to draw your attention to the letter conveyed to you last Friday from my colleague who attended your remarks, Bishop Ibrahim Azar of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Bishop Azar outlines the wider context for the Palestinian community in which the East Jerusalem hospitals function. He strongly appeals for remedial action in response to “physical and verbal assaults against priests and other clergy, attacks on Christian churches, with holy sites regularly vandalized and desecrated, and ongoing intimidation of local Christians who simply seek to worship freely and go about their daily lives.” I share his concerns about these incidents and join in his call upon you to work with the government of Israel to address the law banning the unification of Palestinian families.

Mr. President, as a Christian theologian, I agree with you and others that “Hope springs eternal.” Many of us — regardless of whether we live in the Holy Land, this country or elsewhere — found our hope for peace with justice in the Holy Land bolstered by your visit last week in support of the East Jerusalem Hospitals Network. It confirmed that we must recommit ourselves to recognizing the inherent dignity of each person, as God does, and to standing with and caring for the well-being of one another — as your father said, “no matter what their circumstance.” Thank you once again.

In Christ, Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Capital Campaign update

During September, the siding on the parsonage was completed and the payments have been made to Stimpert Enterprises, Inc. and Derek Krebs Construction for a total of \$32,097.64. The estimate given at the annual meeting was \$50,000.00 for this project. The three new furnaces in the church were estimated at \$15,000.00 and totaled \$9,922.58. These two projects came under bid by \$22,979.78!

Another item on the list has been provided by the family of Donald Wall. This is to repair the stained glass windows on the east side of the church which is estimated at \$500.00. We thank the family for making this donation in the memory of Don.

Also on the list was the street project which we can pay over ten years. We have made the first payment in 2022 of \$1,713.77 and the second payment will be due in October.

The balance in the building fund at the end of September is -\$4,182.56.

General Fund update

2022 budget	\$304,000.00
Receipts to 9/25/22	\$178,023.81
Bills paid to 9/25/22	\$203,530.43 plus payroll

October has five Sundays so we will be doing a **noisy offering**. It has been designated for World Hunger which also includes our Thanksgiving Eve offering in November. So remember your coins during October for a worthy cause.

Board directors will be receiving a printout of their first nine months of spending in order to prepare for the 2023 fiscal year. Hopefully each board will be able to meet within the next couple of months to prepare proposed figures for their part of the budget. The Board of Stewardship and the Parish Planning Council will submit a proposal for the annual meeting in January.

Thank you for supporting Trinity with your tithes, offerings and prayers.

Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT

Read the Bible in a Year



Week of October 2
 Su Luke 17:5-10
 M James 1:2-11
 Tu 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21
 W Mark 11:12-14, 20-24
 Th 2 Timothy 1:13-18
 F 2 Timothy 2:1-7
 Sa Luke 5:12-16

Week of October 9
 Su Luke 17:11-19
 M Acts 26:24-29
 Tu Ephesians 6:10-20
 W Matthew 10:5-15
 Th Acts 17:22-34
 F 2 Timothy 2:14-26
 Sa Mark 10:46-52

Week of October 16
 Su Luke 18:1-8
 M 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
 Tu James 5:7-12
 W Luke 22:39-46
 Th 2 Timothy 3:1-9
 F 2 Timothy 3:10-15
 Sa Luke 1:46-55

Week of October 23
 Su Luke 18:9-14
 M 1 Peter 4:12-19
 Tu 1 Peter 5:1-11
 W Matthew 21:28-32
 Th 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
 F 2 Peter 1:1-11
 Sa John 8:39-47

Week of October 30
 Su Luke 19:1-10
 M 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
 Tu Jude 5:21
 W Luke 19:11-27
 Th Acts 22:22-23:11
 F Acts 24:10-23
 Sa Luke 20:1-8



Trinity Choir is Wednesdays at 5 P.M.
 All are welcome to practice in celebration of the music to come!
 Call Mary at 507 227-9880 with any questions.



Bell Choir is Wednesdays at 6 P.M.
 All are welcome to ring in the music to come!
 Call Rose at 507 276-0013 with any questions.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Tidings* will be mailed by November 1st. Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month. Thank you.

Our Services are broadcast on Channel 8 each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or on our webpage anytime. Share the Good News with those who are unable to join us in person!



Sleepy Eye Medical Center has the Fall influenza clinic dates available.

SEMC is hosting public clinics at the Sleepy Eye Event Center. The schedule is listed below.

SEMC also has the Bivalent COVID booster available. This vaccination will not be available at the Sleepy Eye Event Center. You have call SEMC at 794-3691 to schedule an appointment.

Forms for both vaccines are available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED. CALL SEMC, 507-794-3691, TO SCHEDULE.

Community Flu Vaccine Clinics

DATE & TIME	LOCATION & DETAILS
Monday, Oct. 3 • 5-7 p.m.	Sleepy Eye Event Center Family Clinic (ages 6 mo. and up)
Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 7:30-10 a.m.	Sleepy Eye Event Center High dose, 65+ (*drive up option)
Tuesday, Oct. 11 • 9-11 a.m.	Sleepy Eye Event Center High dose, 65+ (*drive up option)
Wednesday, Oct. 12 • 5-7 p.m.	Sleepy Eye Event Center Family Clinic (ages 6 mo. and up)
Thursday, Oct. 13 • 1-5 p.m.	Morgan Clinic (96 3rd St. E., Morgan, MN) High dose (1-3 p.m.), Family (3-5 p.m.)

***Drive-Up Option Instructions:**

- Appointments required.
- Staff will bring paperwork & vaccine.
- Wear short-sleeved shirt, mask.
- Follow drive-up signage.
- Indoor option still available.
- Remain in vehicle, remove coat.

Please wear a mask.



10 Worship Assistants



October: Terry Newgord, Mary Renberg
November: Joleen Dittbenner



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

10/2 Kaden Klein
10/9 Kali Nachreiner
10/16 Blain Arneson
10/23 Shea Evers
10/30 Destiney Dittbenner

Readers

10/2 Diane Evers
10/9 Sarah Lendt
10/16 Terry Newgord
10/23 Susie Pedersen
10/30 Mike Petersen

Sound Techs

Russ Sorensen

Communion Assistants

10/2 Donna Augustin, Neil Neidt
Dave Vosbeck
10/16 Harold & Bonnie Pettis
Bev Petersen

October Ushers

Dale & Diane Eckstein

October Greeter

Larry & Diane Evers



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

11/6 Kaden Klein
11/13 Megan Sellner
11/20 Hunter Mertz
11/23 Kali Nachreiner *Thanksgiving Eve*
11/25 Samantha Price

Readers

11/6 Karen Voge
11/13 Dave Vosbeck
11/20 Eric Wahlborg
11/23 Rose Wall *Thanksgiving Eve*
11/25 Cindy Anderson

Communion Assistants

11/6 Lee & Isaac Johnson
Mark Miller
11/20 Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt
Brian Polesky

Sound Tech

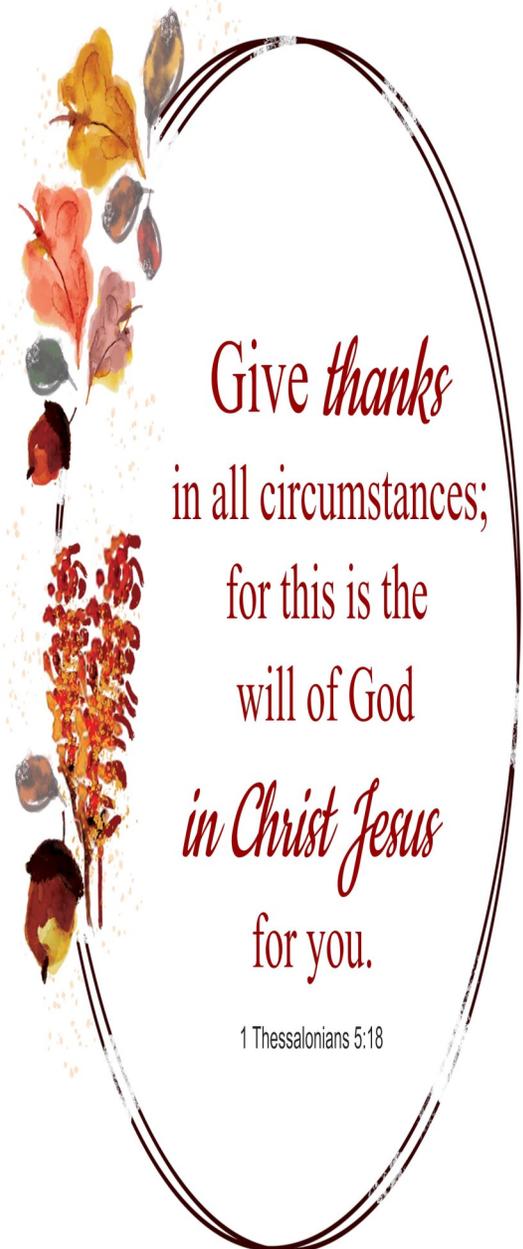
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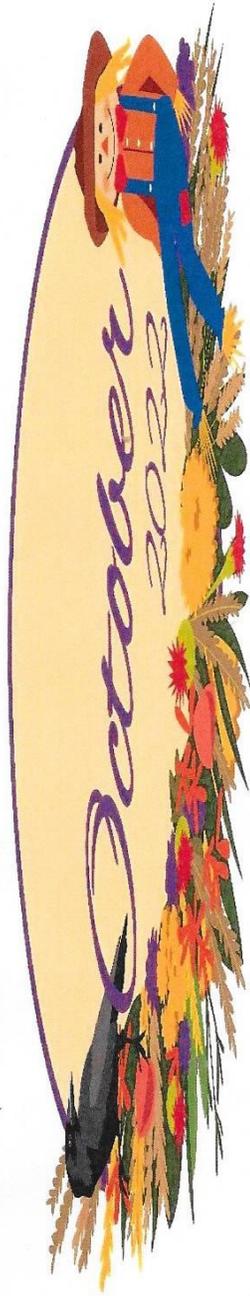
November Ushers

Dennis Mangen, Mark Miller

November Greeters

Connie Johnson





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Sunday School Sings! 9 am Holy Communion 3 yr. Plaques - Noisy Offering 10:10 am Education Hour Confirmation Interviews by appointment</p> 	<p>3 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Al anon</p>	<p>4 7am-Men's Bible Study 12:15 pm WELCA 3 pm Maples Bible Study 6:30 pm AA <i>Early Childhood screening 8 am-2 pm</i></p>	<p>5 9 am-Women's Bible Study 4 pm Worship Team 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 Confirmation Interviews by appointment </p>
<p>9 9 am Worship Noisy Offering 10:10 am Education Hour 11:30 am Worship at Sundown</p>	<p>10 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Al anon</p>	<p>11 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3 pm-Ross Park 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 6:30 pm AA.</p>	<p>12 9 am-Women's Bible Study 4 pm Worship Team 5 pm Trinity Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>13 10 am Countryside Bible Study Darlene on Vacation</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 5-8 PM at Sportsman's Park </p>
<p>16 9 am- Holy Communion Noisy Offering 10:10 am Education Hour 6 pm Confirmation Banquet</p>	<p>17 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Social Ministries 5:30 pm Al anon</p>	<p>18 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3 pm Maples Bible Study 5 pm Lay Ministry Board 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>19 9 am-Women's Bible Study 4 pm Worship Team 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>20 MEA 9:30 Watowan Pastor's Conference 3 pm Prokinship for Kids Tidings Articles Due Darlene Back</p>	<p>21 MEA</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9 am Worship Noisy Offering 10:10 am Education Hour </p>	<p>24 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Al anon</p>	<p>25 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3 pm-Ross Park 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 6:30 pm AA 6:45 pm Bd of Education</p>	<p>26 9 am-Women's Bible Study 4 pm Worship Team 5 pm Trinity Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>27 10 am Countryside Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 At SE School  Trunk or Treat 3-5 pm in the Parking Lot</p>
<p>30 Confirmation Pictures 9 am Holy Communion Noisy Offering 10:10 am Education Hour Confirmation Reception 11:30 am Worship at Sundown</p>	<p>31 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Al anon </p>					



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Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 AM

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ANYTIME at TRINTYSLEEPYEYE.ORG