



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
Fellowship Hour 10:15 am
Trinity Church School 6:30 pm Wednesdays



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.



The Lord hath done

great things

for us; whereof

we are glad.

~PSALM 126:3



From Pastor Tim...

The morning on the day of this writing, I looked at all the cards and letters I received after my final worship with you all yesterday; all I can say is that my heart is full. Right now I am in the middle of packing my books, tools, clothing and so much more. Too many things to think about for the moment, but by the time you read this, time will have moved on. You all have blessed me in so many ways. I will never look at any form of farm field, orchard, vineyard or simple garden the same. You have given me a deeper understanding of what it is like to live in a smaller community away from the rush and noise of a big city. I think the neighborhood around the parsonage is the most peaceful neighborhood I have ever experienced. I will miss walking Brewski around South Park and visiting with all the kids playing there. We loved that park. I believe Brewski likes snow better than salt water as he loved to run along the top of the snow piled up along the roads. One of the best decisions we (Trinity leadership) made was to build a relationship with Sundown Lutheran, such a tenacious and loving group. They were not ready to close their doors, and our schedules worked out seamlessly. I pray those relationships continue. Much of my time with you was spent with the residents and staff at Ross Park, The Maples (in Springfield) and Countryside. All of these places are precious in that we have so many members living there and so many opportunities for ministry. There are always people who need to talk or share stories living in these facilities.

Sleepy Eye is a very good place to live in all seasons. The pictures and video that I took during the Winter Lights event at Sportsman Park will be shared often in California! The cooler evenings in September have to be the most beautiful times of the year, no matter where we can live. I often tell people, the sunsets over the fields in and around Sleepy Eye, are just as beautiful as anything people will see from Waikiki Beach! My prayers for all of you/us, is that we love God by loving each other, always. Be kind with each other, slow to speak and always eager to listen first. Cherish each other and the community in which you/we live. The Lord has blessed the land and people living in SW Minnesota so richly, never take a second of the blessing of living in and around Sleepy Eye for granted. I know I will miss you, but because God has brought us together, everyone at Trinity will find a place to live in my heart. I truly believe everyone we meet, no matter if it is for just a minute or a lifetime, becomes a part of who we are. Cherish each other, live in grace, love God with all your heart, mind and soul.

Until we meet again Aloha and Shalom,

Pastor Tim







Children, Youth and Family



Trinity Wednesday Church School

We have begun Trinity Church School on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30! Our students will be following the Sunday School Curriculum at the evening classes. This change has been made after asking our parents if this change would help with busy children's activities. Please join us!

Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.
Welcome back to all our students!



Confirmation

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator
Trinity Lutheran Church
Sleepy Eye, MN
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Job Description

Trinity Lutheran Church is a welcoming church focused on evangelism and mission in the community of Sleepy Eye and beyond. As a welcoming and nurturing church, we are shaped by prayer, worship, scripture and the Holy Spirit, where everyone's gifts are valued, where people's spiritual needs are met, and God's love with the world is shared.

Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator (Part-time)

Summary of Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator oversees and directs Christian Education for the youth and children's ministries, and manages the development and growth of the Christian Education and Youth programs while building relationships with families and their children.

Supervision: Christian Education Board and Board of Young People's Work

Supported by: Senior Pastor, Personnel Committee other church staff and members of Trinity Lutheran Church

15 hours per week which are flexible to meet the needs of the church based on planned activities and evenings and weekends required as needed. Compensation: \$16/hr

Further information and Application are on our website www.trinitysleepyeye.org under About Us/ Employment or in the Church office.





Join us for the next "Breaking Bread Together" October 15th! Sign up in the office for the Fellowship and Fun!



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Great Thanks to all who helped with the projects of Trinity's "God's Work Our Hands." Together we make a difference in our Church, Community, and the World!





Giving Daily Care to Others

Background: In Matthew 14:15-21 we read that 5,000 men, plus women and children, were fed on five loaves and two fish. For purposes of this reflection, think about that being 20,750 people. The feeding of 20,750 may be a new slant on a familiar Bible story for you. The numbers are calculated this way: We might speculate that perhaps 500 of those men were single or did not bring their families. That means that 4,500 of them did have their wives present — another 4,500 people — plus an average of 2.5 children per family or 11,250 children, for a total crowd of 20,750. Nothing is added to or taken from Jesus' miracle. Rather, this perspective might help you look at a very familiar text in a whole new way and recognize more fully God's kind of hospitality.

Reflection: With one exception, nobody thought there would be enough to go around. Even if the loaves were six-foot long party-size submarine sandwiches, the fish 40-pound tunas, and the disciples practiced FHB (Family Hold Back—as when unexpected guests drop in at dinner time), the five loaves and two fish would never feed 20,750 men, women and children. After all, hospitality is one thing; miracles are another.

“Feed them,” said Jesus. And feed them they did. Every last person there, including the disciples.

Most of us need only to pull something out of the freezer or make the weekly trip to the grocery store and, with a little planning, we're ready to feed ourselves and our families. We can even extend our hospitality to relatives and friends from time to time.

By the same token, most of us don't have 20,750 friends coming for dinner. We can manage, and even set out an occasional feast, because we've limited our hospitality to those within our relatively small circle of acquaintances.

Jesus practices and demonstrates a somewhat different approach to hospitality. Not only does he miraculously feed thousands; he also accepts all people, every day, regardless of class or status. No one is excluded from joining him at the table. The place is guaranteed; there is always room for one more.

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During October, we will be able to add our coins and bills to the noisy offering can as we enter or leave services. The month has been designated for World Hunger as well as the Thanksgiving Eve service in November. One only need to watch the news and see visions of hungry people around the world as well as in our nation. If you prefer to donate more, please indicate that on your offering envelope or one of the pew envelopes. Thank you so much for any amount you can provide.

Board directors will be receiving a form to plan their budget for the 2024 fiscal year. A third quarter budget summary will serve as a guide showing what has been spent so far in 2023 and in some cases, they will be able to reduce a line in their current budget or add an amount to a line due to decreased or increased costs. These will be due mid November in order for the Stewardship Board to put a budget together from all the requests.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity . Your prayers for the financial needs of Trinity are appreciated.

Board of Stewardship



Read the
Bible
in a Year



THIS & THAT



BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

Week of October 1

Su Matthew 21:23-32
M Philippians 1:3-14
Tu Philippians 1:15-21
W Matthew 9:2-8
Th Colossians 2:16-23
F Philippians 2:14-18,3:1-4a
Sa John 7:40-52

Week of October 8

Su Matthew 21:33-46
M 1 Peter 2:4-10
Tu 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
W John 11:45-57
Th 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14
F James 4:4-10
Sa Mark 2:18-22

Week of October 15

Su Matthew 22:1-14
M Jude 17-25
Tu Philippians 3:15-4:1
W John 6:25-35
Th 3 John 9-12
F 1 Peter 5:1-5
Sa Matthew 14:1-12

Week of October 22

Su Matthew 22:15-22
M Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
Tu Revelation 18:21-24
W Matthew 17:22-27
Th Titus 1:5-16
F Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
Sa John 5:39-47

Week of October 29

Su Matthew 22:34-36
M James 2:8-13
Tu James 2:14-26
W Matthew 19:16-22
Th Romans 2:17-29
F 2 Peter 2:1-3
Sa Matthew 23:13-28



RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:
TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!

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!

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



Please join us for Trinity's "Dining Out", following church services 10/15/2023.

"Breaking Bread Together" is an opportunity to get to know each other better and share stories. Please sign up at Darlene's Office Window so we can make reservations. Location to be determined. Our goal will be to "Dine Out" the 3rd Sunday of each month!



SEMC has the New Flu and the Bivalent COVID booster available. You have call SEMC at 794-3691 to schedule an appointment. Forms for the vaccine are available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.

Boosters are also available at Randy's Drug. Please call ahead. Flu shots are available anytime.

SLEEPY EYE HIGH SCHOOL
presents:



Disney
THE LION KING
EXPERIENCE

Music and Lyrics by
Elton John
& Tim Rice

Additional Music and Lyrics by
Lebo M, Mark Mancina,
Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer

Book by
Roger Allers
& Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway production directed by
Julie Taymor

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and "Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by Will Van Dyke

OCTOBER 12, 14, & 15

Sleepy Eye High School Auditorium

Thursday, October 12 - 7pm | Saturday, October 14 - 2pm
Saturday, October 14 - 7pm | Sunday, October 15 - 2pm

Pre-sale reserved seating and general admission tickets may be purchased October 2nd-6th and October 9th-11th from 3:30-5:30pm at the SEHS concession stand
Tickets are also available at the door, 1 hour prior to performances

Adults: \$10.00 ~ Students (7th-12th Grade): \$8.00
Children (6th Grade & Under): \$6.00

The Lion King Experience is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

10 Worship Assistants



October: Joleen Dittbenner
November: Nicole Stevermer, Terry Newgord



Group Two will be the next servers.
Group Two Co-chairs are Doug Domeier & Mary Renberg



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 10/1 Carson Uecker
- 10/8 Jacob Fulmer
- 10/15 Blaine Arneson
- 10/22 Carson Uecker
- 10/29 Megan Sellner

Readers

- 10/1 Cindy Steffl
- 10/8 Diane Evers
- 10/15 Phyllis Kleven
- 10/22 Sarah Lendt
- 10/29 Neil Neidt

Communion Assistants

- 10/1 Lee Johnson ~at the rail
- 10/15 Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt, Dave Vosbeck

Sound Tech

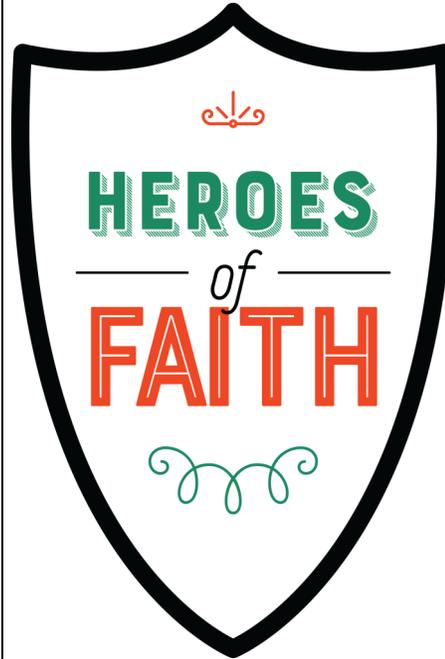
Russ Sorensen

October Ushers

Dave & Mardy Vosbeck

October Greeters

Chris Mangen



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 11/5 Hayden Domeier
- 11/12 Callie Evers
- 11/19 Riley Voigt
- 11/22 Anders Coulson 7pm Service
- 11/26 Kenley Jensen

Readers

- 11/5 Cheryl Neidt
- 11/12 Cindy Steffl
- 11/19 Karen Voge
- 11/22 Dave Vosbeck 7pm Service
- 11/26 Eric Wahlborg

Communion Assistants

- 11/5 Neil Neidt ~at the rail
- 11/19 Dave Vosbeck, Brian Polesky, Larry Baumgardt

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

November Ushers

Doug Domeier, Keith Lendt

November Greeter

Harold & Bonnie Pettis

We're thankful for you!



Pursue righteousness, godliness, FAITH, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Pastor Grant Fischer 9 am-Holy Communion~ Pre-school Plaques 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	2 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making 3:30 pm WELCA	3 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	4 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Church School 7 pm Confirmation Class	5	6	7	
8 Pastor Dennis Frank 9 am- Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	9 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making	10 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	11 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Church School 7 pm Confirmation Class	12	13	14	
15 Pastor Grant Fischer 9 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	16 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making	17 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	18 9 am-Women's Bible Study No Confirmation or Church School	19 MEA Darlene gone~ Office Closed	20 MEA	21	
22 Pastor Grant Fischer 9 am- Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	23 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making Tidings Articles Due	24 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	25 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Church School 7 pm Confirmation Class 8 pm Parish Planning Council	26	27	28	
29 Reformation Sunday Pastor Dennis Frank 9 am- Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	30 9 am Quilting & Bandage Making	31 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA 					Don't forget your change for Noisy Offering this Month!



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"Please bless these chops, these peas and these potatoes, both actual and couch."



Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM
Fellowship Hour 10:10 AM

WORSHIP ON LINE
ANYTIME ON TRINTYSLEEPYEYE.ORG

See the front cover for contact numbers.



Trinity Wednesday Church School

Trinity Church School
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Confirmation Classes
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

