



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.

The grass withers,
the flower fades,
but the word of
our God
will stand forever.

ISAIAH 40:8





From Pastor Tim...

Grace and peace to all,

First of all, I am now Covid negative! According to the nurse, it is NOT necessary for me to wear a mask all the time, but you may see me wearing one out of caution. I may cough a little bit, and feel tired, but symptoms will remain for a while, it doesn't mean I am contagious.

Here we go...

Say it ain't so! Say it ain't so! We have entered the month of August and we must be doing final preparations for September and Fall!!! Rally Day is just around the corner! We will begin, along with 9,000 other ELCA congregations on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH with our own RALLY SUNDAY!! The directions on what to do have been clearly written in our August 1 Trinity Tidings, sign up!!!

Martin Luther had this wonderful quote about the church, ***“Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in Him unless he (one) knew where His believers are?”*** I know many of us enjoy watching worship on our website or Youtube channel from home when it is convenient or when necessary, and this is all well and good; But the church is not a building as our very own Jay Beech so wonderfully put to music. The “Church” is the Body of Believers who gather around the cross and altar of Christ to worship and praise the Living God.

Since 2020, the church has evolved and adapted from not only a face to face church, but to a face to face church AND a virtual church out of necessity. However, for the sake of community and the sharing of our stories, the good and the bad, and learning the opportunities of when, where and how we can celebrate and support each other, NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL OF US, (who are able), to come together at our beautiful sanctuary and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you are not able to come to worship, I would be glad to bring communion to you. But now is the time to gather within our sanctuary. I say this to you because there are so many empty pews, and that should not be so. Our giving has not been up to where the pledges were promised as well. We have a wonderful congregation with a great vision for outward ministry. Now is the time for us to come together and celebrate the community God has created within you and me.

Let us begin with Rally Sunday and all the following Sundays. I long to hear the sanctuary filled with the sound of your voices! I know you can do it! We certainly have the talented music leaders to help us raise the roof. Maybe we need more potlucks... lefse anyone? We can always use more lefse... Coffee and pie get-togethers? Swedish meatball cook-offs? I just made up that “Swedish meatball cook-off,” thing... come on someone, take the bull by the horns and organize it!! Anything for fellowship! Remember, “IF THERE IS FOOD, THEY WILL COME!” You know what I am saying.

Remember, we are the church,
Pastor Tim



God's work. Our hands.

Rally Day and "God's Work Our Hands" will be September 11th!
Please be there for fun and Fellowship!

Sign up in the Narthex for your favorite projects!

Board of Education~ Pack School Kits for Missions

Evangelism~ Help with Trinity's Parade on August 20th ~ Thank You!

Fellowship~ Sundae's on Sunday! Here on September 11th

Stewardship~ Tie Fleece Blankets for Missions

Church Properties~ Plant and Campus Cleanup

Lay Ministry~ Pack Blizzard Bags

Social Ministries~ Pack Food Backpacks for Sleepy Eye kids at Mark Thomas

Youth~ Visit residents of the Care Center

Welca~ Supply and Pack School Kits for Missions

"God's Work Our Hands" is our way of honoring our Lord and helping other people. Together WE can all make a difference!

Please sign up today to help.

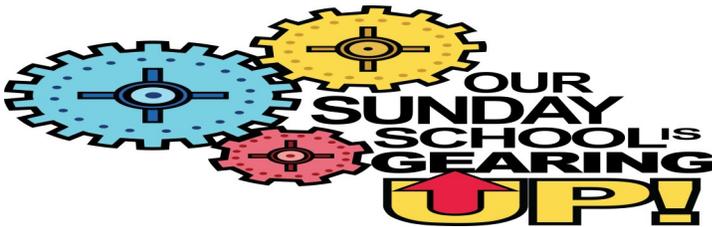




Children, Youth and Family

Can you believe it?? In the blink of an eye summer is over, and everybody is getting back into school. We at Trinity hope all of our families have had a wonderful first few weeks back in the classroom! I am very excited though to get started back up with Sunday School and other upcoming events. **September 11th** we will be having God's Work our Hands service where we will be asking the children that attended Summer Fun at Trinity to sing in the service but all children are invited to sing, we will be doing Rise and Shine (we will be meeting earlier before the service to practice).. All families are asked to consider signing up to help out with a project around the church. Afterwards we will be having an ice cream sundae bar and activities in the parking lot. **Pictures from Green Lake Bible Camp and Summer Fun at Trinity** will be set up in the Lobby for everyone to come and look at also.

September 18th we will be starting Classroom Sunday School back up! It goes from 10:10-11am, the children are to meet in the Fellowship Hall (basement). This is for ages 3 to grade 6, if you have a child that you would like to sign up you are more than welcome to bring them or get ahold of me. We are also still looking for Sunday School teachers and Helpers if you are interested, even if you could do one or two Sundays a month it would be greatly appreciated. We will also be singing in church the first Sunday of each month starting in October.



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Happy Birthday this month to... Erik Mangen,
Hadlee Hansen, Reese Braun, Jaxon Peterson,
Greta Barka, Krin Barka, and Brantley Mitchell !!
Did we miss you? Let us know so we can update our files!





Christikon 2022

On July 23rd, 9 of our youth and fearless leader Dave Vosbeck headed out to Christikon in the mountains of Montana. After a stop at Mount Rushmore and an overnight stay in Wyoming, they made their way to Christikon. The first night they stayed at camp and then headed out the next morning. The kids had to carry everything in their backpacks that they would need over the next 5 days. Over the 5 days, they walked close to 35 miles, peaked 3 mountains (first group to do that all summer), saw bears and mountain lions, and made all their own food on the trail. Out on the trail, they made their own songs and sermon while admiring God's beauty. Each night they would have worship in the woods at their base camp. Back at camp on their last night, they enjoyed time around the fire and meeting the governor of Minnesota. On the drive back they stayed in Rapid City and made their way home on July 31st. Thank you for all of your support and prayers on their trip.



ST. JOHN'S
CIRCLE OF CARE
A TRADITION... FOR ALL AGES

St. John's Circle of Care
invites you to our

annual Memory Care WALK as we

Tackle Alzheimer's

and WALK to end Alzheimer's



When: Saturday September 17th 2022

Where: St. John's Circle of Care (Front Entrance)

Time: Registration at 8:30 a.m. Walk starts at 9:00 a.m.

Additional Information:

PRE-REGISTRATION is available until September 1st and ensures you a "Tackle Alzheimer's" T-Shirt and/or hooded sweatshirt for the race, please see Michelle at the Front Desk or shirt order form on Facebook page.

DAY OF REGISTRATION is available including shirt order forms, those shirts will not be available for pick up until a later date.

Registration without order of shirt/hoodie is available on the day of race for a fee of \$15.00

Additional questions, please contact us at St. John's Circle of Care at (507) 723-3200 or via e-mail Chandra, Memory Care Coordinator at chandraj@sjlhome.com



Last month—Aug. 8-12—22 people from our SW Minnesota Synod, a mix of clergy and laity, were among some 800-plus voting members of the ELCA’s church wide assembly in Columbus, OH. I had the privilege of being one of them, I was elected at last year’s synod assembly from the Watonwan conference—basically Brown, Watonwan and Martin Counties.

The Churchwide Assembly is held by the ELCA every three years. This year it lasted five days, and we had wonderful worship services and inspired preaching every day.

But we also had business to discuss and approve, and an election for a vice-president. At the church-wide level and at the synod level, the vice-president is a lay person, and their job is to run the church council meetings. It is an important job, calling for a big time commitment, and it is an unpaid position.

Imran Siddiqui was elected our new ELCA vice-president, and he is from Atlanta. He is a senior investigator for the U.S. Department of Labor, and the current vice-president of the Southeastern Synod—Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. His family is from Pakistan and he is a first generation American. He told us he grew up a Muslim, although not very observant—“we were what you might call Christmas and Easter Muslims.” But 11 years ago someone invited him to worship at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Atlanta. And that’s what it took. He told the assembly, “What Lutheranism and the ELCA, at least in my church, have really hammered home is that it’s not about what you’ve done or how you think of yourself. It’s that God loves you just as much as God loves anyone else. You could be anybody. You could believe you’re unforgivable, but you’re not unforgivable. There is nobody who is outside of God’s love. It’s such an amazing feeling to know that you don’t have to worry. That God loves you and God will pick you up regardless of how many times you fall, and that God loves you as much as anybody else. That’s an incredibly powerful thing.”

That was a high spot of the assembly for me.

A dramatic event, for me and for many other voting members, was the very striking apology from our President Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to the members of a mission congregation in Stockton, California, Iglesia Luterana Sta. Maria Peregrina—Lutheran Church of St. Mary the Pilgrim. Four members of the congregation were there to receive and to accept the apology. The former bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod was forced to resign after the bishop’s abrupt removal of the Latino congregation’s pastor on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe last December sparked outcry across the denomination. Eaton’s response afterward — appointing a listening team months later, then failing to immediately act on their recommendations — also drew criticism. Bishop Eaton’s apology and the acceptance by the congregation members was greeted by a standing ovation by the assembly.

The assembly also approved memorials—these are like resolutions that come from synods—on a variety of issues.

One, on our relationship with Native Americans, encourages ELCA members and entities to explore making [land acknowledgements](#) a part of their public gatherings, to educate themselves about the Indigenous peoples whose land they inhabit and to deepen relationships with Indigenous peoples and tribal nations.

Other memorials look back at actions taken earlier by the ELCA. A review of the 2009 [social statement on human sexuality](#) is one. And consideration of [changes to the governance structure](#) of the ELCA. This is the 35th anniversary of the ELCA, which had its organizing assembly at the same hall we met in last week.

The whole thing made me proud to be part of the ELCA.

—Mark Beito



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Teaching kids healthy money habits—Developing a good relationship with money starts at a young age
by Tiffany Lukk

Start the conversation early

Kids as young as 5 or 6 years old can learn money lessons. Teach them what each coin and paper currency is worth. When shopping, let them buy something they want in order to practice exchanging money.

Teach the three S's

Help kids divide their money into “save,” “share” and “spend” categories. Use piggy banks, envelopes or get crafty by decorating glass jars. Have them consider the following questions:

Who do I want to share my money with?

What do I want to save my money for?

What are the things I want most and how much do they cost?

Discuss wants versus needs

Help your children identify things they need to live (food, shelter) and the things that are nice to have (toys, vacations). If they want to buy a big-ticket item, encourage them to save for it.

Show the value of giving

Share your money values by modeling the importance of giving to others. Save money, maybe in a jar or a piggy bank, as a family for a cause you all care about and get involved with community events that support it.

Capital Campaign update

During August, the three furnaces in the church were replaced. The original estimate was \$15,000 but the recent bill totals \$11,057.85. The second thing happening in August was to reside the parsonage. You may have noticed the activity during the month in getting that completed. Payments will be due in September for the project.

The following figures were presented at the last Board of Stewardship meeting concerning the Capital Campaign:

So far, 18 giving units have made pledges totaling \$38,620.00 with \$9,500 already paid.

An additional \$908.00 have been received from five other giving units.

Three members have indicated they would have \$20,000 to loan to the church if needed.

One of those loans has been received to date.

Pledges and donations can be made at any time. Thank you to those who have already stepped forward with donations.

General Fund update

2022 budget	\$304,000.00
Receipts to 8/21/22	\$150,438.27
Bills paid to 8/25/22	\$188,029.30 plus payroll

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

Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT



Read the Bible in a Year



Week of September 4

Su Luke 14:25-33
 M 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 Tu 1 Timothy 4:6-16
 W Luke 18:18-30
 Th 1 Timothy 1:1-11
 F 2 Peter 2:1-10a
 Sa John 10:11-21

Week of September 11

Su Luke 15:1-10
 M 1 Timothy 1:18-20
 Tu 2 Peter 3:8-13
 W Luke 22:31-33, 54-62
 Th Romans 8:1-8
 F Romans 8:31-39
 Sa Mark 12:41-44

Week of September 18

Su Luke 16:1-13
 M Acts 4:1-12
 Tu 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
 W Luke 20:45-21:4
 Th 2 Corinthians 8:8-15
 F Ephesians 2:1-10
 Sa Luke 9:43b-48

Week of September 25

Su Luke 16:1, 19-31
 M Revelation 3:14-22
 Tu James 5:1-6
 W Matthew 19:16-22
 Th Revelation 2:8-11
 F Revelation 2:12-29
 Sa Matthew 20:29-34



Trinity Choir is Wednesdays at 5 P.M.

beginning September 7th

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. beginning September 14th

All are welcome to ring in the music to come!

Call Rose at 507 276-0013 with any questions.

Parish Nursing ~ Thank you to Cindy Anderson RN for hosting the Blood Pressure Clinic in August. 14 congregants were tested. Reminder to Trinity Lutheran congregants that we will be having blood pressure checks after services the first Sunday of the month. The next Sunday will be September 4.



Evangelism ~ Trinity was represented in Sleepy Eye's 150th anniversary parade. Thank you to Thrivent for donating money for the candy and decorations; to Lori Neidecker for helping design; Pat & Michal Lowther; and Susie Pedersen for decorating; and to Pastor Tim for driving our "float" and greeting the community!



New Project: The Evangelism board is planning a fundraising project in September. We are hosting a Perennial plant/bush sale during

the all city garage sale in our church parking lot. The sale dates are September 8, 9, & 10th. Times are, Thursday: 1pm- 4pm, Friday : 8am - 5pm, and Saturday: 8am - 12pm.

WE NEED: Potted Perennials you have thinned from your gardens labeled with it's name and a picture, preferably. Water generously after placing in the planter by September 5. Call Cindy Steffl at 507-227-0824 to pick up.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!

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.

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!



10 Worship Assistants



September: Sarah Lendt, Beth Klein
October: Terry Newgord, Mary Renberg



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

9/4 Skylar Bohlin
9/11 Nora Coulson
9/18 Paige Haala
9/25 Anna Johnson

Readers

9/4 Cindy Anderson
9/11 Sandy Beito
9/18 Larry Baumgardt
9/25 Doug Domeier

Communion Assistants

9/4 Lee & Isaac Johnson
Susie Pedersen
9/18 Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt
Brian Polesky

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

September Ushers

Doug Domeier, Keith Lendt

September Greeters

Jeff & Lynette Carlson



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

10/2 Jacob Mellen
10/9 Kade Nachreiner
10/16 Cody Schultz
10/23 Joshua Sellner
10/30 Samantha Price

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

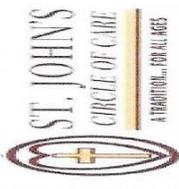
Dale & Diane Eckstein

October Greeter

Larry & Diane Evers



September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9 am-Holy Communion 10:10 am Fellowship Hour	5 	6 Darlene Gone 3 pm Maples Bible Study 6:30 pm AA 7 pm Parish Planning	7 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Staff Meeting 4 pm Worship Team 5 pm Trinity Choir	8 10 am Countryside Bible Study	9	10
11 9 am- Worship 	12 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI anon	13 2 pm Ross Park Bible Study 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 6:30 pm AA	14 9 am-Women's Bible Study 4 pm Worship Team 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6 pm Confirmation Parents Meeting & Martin Luther Movie	15 9 am Watonwan Pastors Meeting	16	17 8:30 am St. John's Walk for Alzheimers 
18 9 am- Holy Communion ~ Installation of Sunday School Staff 10:10 am Education Hour 11:30 am Worship at Sundown	19 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI anon 6:30 pm Social Ministries	20 3 pm Maples Bible Study 6 pm Lay Ministry. 6:30 pm AA 7:30 Stewardship Tidings Articles Due	21 9 am-Women's Bible Study 4 pm Worship Team 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6 pm Confirmation	22 10 am Countryside Bible Study	23	24
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Worship Schedule

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

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