

Trinity Lutheran Church

August 2024

Worship Services

8:45 AM, Sundays
5:30 PM, Wednesdays
Holy Communion at all services.

Newsletter



Internment of ashes for

Pastor Marcia L. Hall

August 26, 2024 10:30am
London-Deer Creek Cemetery
4996 Thrush Ave
Northwood, IA 50459:

Lunch served after at
Deer Creek Valley Lutheran
Church
87332 State Line Road
Glenville, MN 56036

August Trinity
Lutheran Ushers

Mike & Andrea Jensen
Lowell & Darcy Nielsen
Skylar Kelley
Jean Pestorious
Jeff & Kim Nelson



SCHOOL KITS

We will again be collecting items for school kits for Lutheran Relief.

Our goal is to pack 70 kits.

The following items are needed:

- ◆ Notebooks 8 x 10 1/2 ruled paper (70 sheets)
- ◆ Blunt Scissors
- ◆ Rulers (inches and centimeters)
- ◆ Pencil sharpener
- ◆ New (unsharpened) Pencils with Erasers
- ◆ Ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- ◆ 1-1/2' Erasers
- ◆ Box of 24 count Crayons (Crayola Brand)

(School Kits will be packed the last week of August.)

Personal Care Kits:

Bath Towels—light to medium weight (approx. 52 x 27) Dark colors preferred,

Bath size bars of soap (4 oz) any brand,

Nail clippers, and Toothbrushes

COUNCIL PRESIDENT August 2024

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I had the opportunity to participate in one of those once in a lifetime experiences this past July. It was my 50th class reunion from Albert Lea High School. On one hand, 1974 seems like the distant past. Many classmates have either passed on, or have physical limitations that have appeared after these many years. On the other hand, it seems like we had just returned from a long weekend vacation. The pictures and news articles were good reminders of memories that were long ago forgotten.

The reunion also gave me the chance to connect with members of my 1971 Trinity confirmation class. As we visited, I couldn't help but wonder what effect growing up at Trinity Lutheran had on us. It was interesting to hear the many roles one of them had played in his local church. Others have been active in helping people in their professions or volunteering for countless projects and organizations.

This is my point. We may not know what "seeds" we plant in the young people we have a connection with in our lives. I think this is especially true with youth at church. Those "seeds" may not always sprout at the same time, but at least they have been planted. Please consider ways that you can mentor our youth.

Mark 4:26-29 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain- first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

We are planning that the reshingling of the sanctuary and garage roofs, as well as other building repair projects will begin in mid to late August. These will mostly be covered by insurance. However, we are still waiting for a plan to repair the south tower. This project will not be covered by insurance.

Ron Petersen
Council President

PREMISES
August 2024

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Steve has ordered three new emergency exit fire signs. One set of exit lights for the down-stairs exit sign. Also a lockbox kit is ordered for the SE entrance door. These items are to be updated by request of the Albert Lea Fire Department Inspector. They will be installed when the parts arrive.

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Carpets have been cleaned in the Confirmation center, Trinity Hall and the first and second floor hallways.

We are waiting to hear from the architect and engineer for the repair options on the South Tower. Work should begin in August on removing and replacing the shingles on the main church and the garage roofs. The cost of the shingling has been approved by the insurance company.

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The lawn is still growing good, So we have been mowing at least once a week.

Premise Committee
Del Johnson
Leland Johnson
Jason Taylor

Finance August 2024

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Enter August. Soon my daughter, Stella, will enter her senior year of high school, I am excited for her as I have watched her grow and mature these past years. My boys, Andrew and Eli will be starting their freshman year of high school, and their final year of confirmation classes. It seems they go into another room for a while and walk out 2-3 inches taller. Always changing times, it seems. My boys just returned from the New Orleans National Youth Gathering trip, they had a good time and experienced a bunch of “another world out there” experiences. Thank you very much to the chaperones that drove and kept all the youth safe. Thank you to everyone who supported them through donations and prayer.

This spring we contacted our insurance company, Brotherhood Mutual about storm damage to our building. After the adjuster inspected our property, he determined we will receive a new roof over the sanctuary and the garage. There are also a few other areas of damage that will be covered. The overall cost of the new roofing and the other work is \$118,361.83, Trinity’s portion will be our \$5000.00 deductible – barring any unforeseen items that may show up This is **separate** from the south bell tower project which is in the engineering stage with the same contractor, Schwickert’s Tecta America, who will also be doing our roof work. The bell tower project will be a 100% out-of-pocket project for Trinity. Brotherhood Mutual has been a great company to have as our insurance provider.

Online giving is a great tool to use for directing funds to our church. It has a low \$20 monthly fee and a \$0.30 per use fee that you can offset at the time of donation. Please consider setting up for online giving either on our website at www.tlc-al.org or at <https://myeoffering.com/>. If you are interested in online giving and need any help, do not hesitate to contact me.

Finance August 2024
continued

May financial overview: Total Receipts
\$19,348.59
Total Disbursements
\$19,847.78
(Shortfall) (\$499.19)

June financial overview: Total Receipts
\$24,848.37
Total Disbursements
\$22,016.45
Cushion [\\$2831.92](#)

YTD financial overview: Total Receipts
\$148,652.86
Total Disbursements
\$135,080.74
Cushion \$13,572.12

s/ Chris Skogheim

August Message from Pastor Eileen

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On July 15th, we travelled by van to New Orleans for the Youth Gathering of the ELCA. There were twelve of us: Kennedy Behnke, Jackson Bigley, Wally Egeness, Damien Estes, Lily Hamann, Bode Miller, Andrew Skogheim, Eli Skogheim, Ian Taylor, and Jake Woyen. Corky Stanley joined me as chaperone. We were joined with 14 other youth and adults from Redeemer/Alden, Pickerel Lake, Conger, and Bear Creek Lutheran Churches. At Trinity and First, we talk a lot about “Love God and Love Others to Serve God and Serve Others.” I believe that during our trip our youth and adults we learned to live out these words.

It takes a special skill to travel from Minnesota to Louisiana. It is a skill one learns with wisdom, experience, and maturity. People get bored. Tensions grow. Infectious giggles attack at the weirdest times. Our group navigated the ups and downs of long travel with more laughter than snarls.

When we got to New Orleans, we embraced the city. We walked everywhere. It was hot. It was very humid. We explored the architecture, the culture, the food, and the people. We met so many wonderful folks from New Orleans... from the friendly security guards at the Convention Center and the Smoothie King Arena, to the fellow traveler on the trolley who gave us advice and got to know us better, to the hotel staff who offered evening mock tails for our kids.

The city is filled with wonderful hospitality. That is something we can all learn. We never know who we might meet in life or where they are on their journey. We can and need to share God’s love wherever we find ourselves.

The FOOD! It was fantastic! It was a joy to share this part of NOLA culture. We had Beignets and listened to a street jazz band. We had alligator bites, jambalaya, crawfish, and everything in between. Much of our group’s best time together and conversations happened around the table. We would talk about our days. We would share our entrees and desserts.

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Continued Pastor Eileen

It reminds me of another table that Jesus sat at. Jesus sat around many tables. He sat with his disciples and with sinners. He provided food for everyone, no exceptions. He taught around the table. He gave himself on the cross. He told us to do this in remembrance of me.

Most importantly we went to NOLA to learn about God and ourselves. We experienced the Mass Gatherings in the Smoothie King Arena. The music was awesome. We learned from the speakers about how to live our lives committed to Loving God and Loving Others. We learned about God's Love for each and every one of us.

My prayer for our youth is for them to remember all the lessons and experiences they had in New Orleans. I pray that they grow in their love for God and all of God's children. I pray that when they look out in the world they realize that they are Jesus in our broken and tired world. I pray that when they look in the mirror they see that they are wonderfully created by God to do good and serve God and others.

This is my prayer for our youth. This is my prayer for us all.

Our youth who went to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be presenting their experiences on Sunday, August 25th at the 8:45 service. The coffee hour will have some goodies from our trip.

Jesus, Bread of Life

From July 28th to August 25th our gospel lessons focus around the symbolism and imagery of “I am the Bread of Life.” During these weeks we will be using breads from around the globe to remind us of our connection with Christians far and near.

Trinity had 6 young members go to camp this year: Lily Hammann, Dane Johnson, Ried Johnson, Aubrey Taylor, Ian Taylor, and Marty Woyen. Thank you for your prayers and support. They all loved their time at camp. Be sure to ask them.



TLCW Board Report

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWSLETTER

August 2024

Linda Olson, LeAnn Juveland, Mary Roozenboom, Sheila Jensen, Donna Oliva, Jody Nygaard

The month of August holds significant biblical meaning as a time of harvest and abundance, reflecting God's faithfulness and provision in our lives. Just as fields are ripe for gathering crops, this month serves as a reminder of the bountiful blessings that God bestows upon His children. Let us embrace this season with gratitude and thanksgiving, recognizing that every good gift comes from above. As we look to the scriptures, we find encouragement in the words "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." Psalms 24:1
May we continue to seek His guidance and wisdom as we navigate through the month of August, trusting in His divine plan and purpose for our lives,

TLCW Board Meeting
11:30 am

Tuesday, August 6 at

Mary Circle

Tuesday, August 13 at 1:30 pm

Deborah & Elizabeth Circle

Wednesday, August 21 at 9:30 am

Eunice & Lois Circle

Wednesday, August 21 at 2:00 pm

Sewing Day

Wednesday, August 14 –

ALL ARE WELCOME

Looking Ahead:

September 23,

Preparation day for Lefse

September 24

Lefse Making Day

**REMEMBER, NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY,**



**JUST A HEART
THAT WANTS TO
HAVE FUN !!**

Do you want to meet new adventurous people?

Do you want to have fun?

Do you want to learn a life time skill?

Do you want to have an exciting hands on experience to tell your friends about?

If so then this is the lifetime opportunity you have been waiting for!

We need YOU



To join the



Talk to Donna, LeAnn, Linda,
Sheila, Mary or Jody, the
TLCW board about it!

**We can't do it
without you!!!**





Mark your calendars!

**Coming this Fall—
Soup and Pie Supper
October 3, 2024**

Family Ministry Director Position Opening

It has been a year since Jill Hagen, our Family Ministry Director, retired. This year has given us, as a church, time to discern Trinity's needs for the future. Pastor Eileen along with members of the Family Faith Formation Committee and others (Shelly Egeness, Cheryl Enderson, Annette Hansen, Ron Petersen, and Laura Wangen) put together a Job Description for these needs.

We are looking for a Parish Life Coordinator. What is this? Our Parish Life Coordinator will manage different aspects of Trinity's ministry—especially Sunday School ministry and ministry to our 65+. This is a salaried, part-time position (an estimated 20 hours). Some weeks will be more hours while other weeks are less hours depending on the ministry needs. However, it is the expectation that the Coordinator be present on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

We are praying that just the right person is out there to assist in Trinity's ministry. Please pray too! The job will be advertised locally and synodically. If you know anyone who might be interested or has questions, have them contact Pastor Eileen Woyen at ewoyen@gmail.com.

Note:

Bible Studies are going on
Vacation during the summer! Look for new
opportunities to study God's Word after Labor Day
this fall.



Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...

Tower

Richard Webber
by Jan Drews

Roof

Richard Webber
by Friends and Family
by Eleanor Schou
by Doris Schou
by Tom & Jody Nygaard
by Marlene Wright

Wednesday Night Supper

Richard Webber
by Phyllis Tavis

Undesignated

Dick Webber
by Barb Larson
by Glen and LeAnn Juveland
Crystal Ferley
by Mary Ann Martinson
Richard Webber
by Bob and Pat Goldman

Liz Skov Campership Fund

Richard Webber
by Donna Oliva
by Ron Petersen

Berthelsen Scholarship

Richard Webber
by Erna Berthelsen

Summer Splash!
Friday, August 16th

Water, fun and grill out at the Stanley's is all about friends and families having fun together!
Everyone is Welcome

Water fun begins at 1:00pm.
Come when you can!

Dinner is around 6:30pm.
Hamburgers and hot dogs are on the grill!. No Cost.

Sign up at the Opportunity Table and order your Hamburgers or dogs in advance.

Bring a towel and possibly a life vest if you have one.

Children under 10 need to have an adult with them; if an adult is not available contact Corky for some options at 507-402-2808.





Blessing OF THE Backpacks

Backpack blessing on
August 25th

It's almost Back to School time. We will be blessing back packs, lunch boxes, computer bags, and everything else school and work related on August 25th.

Dad's Belgian Waffles
All You Care to Eat
First Lutheran Church—Glenville

Serving: Waffles, Sausages, Toppings and
Beverages

Sunday, August 11th from 8:30am to 12:00 Noon
Cost \$10—presale, \$11 at the door

Children 5 and younger—Free
Carry-out plates available



You can purchase tickets from Carol in the Trinity Church Office or Ron Petersen in advance.

Ruby's PANTRY

*Please follow the signs
and stay in your
vehicle*

August 3, 2024

Next drive - thru pantry is:

Saturday
8:45 am - 10:00 am

For a \$25 cash donation, people can receive an abundance of food. There are no income or residency requirements.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ALBERTLEA
702 HWY 69 S, ALBERT LEA, MN, 56007

Volunteers Needed: Call 507-373-8233



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a fellowship of believers in Christ,
sustained by God's Word,
led by the Holy Spirit and
committed to God's vision of caring!