

Trinity Lutheran Church

June/July 2024

Worship Services

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

Newsletter



TLCW
Heritage/Salad
Luncheon

*Remembering
the
Wedding Dresses
of
1920-1990*



Wednesday
June 5, 2024
12:00 pm

**Bring a Salad, a Friend and your memories
or pictures**

June Trinity Ushers

John Butler
Brian Heavner
Taylor Heavner
Gary Jacobsen
Braden Heavner
Paul Johnson

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

June/July 2024 NEWSLETTER

The 2024 Southeastern MN Synod Assembly was held May 11th in Mankato. This year's theme was "Every Congregation Connected." Pastor Eileen, Leland Johnson and myself attended from Trinity. Bishop Regina Hassanally, in her written report to the Synod, stressed the importance of connecting with other congregations.

Bishop Regina wrote: "...In 2023, congregations took advantage of the connections we have with each other; this was especially evident in the continued increase of collaborations between individual congregations. Throughout the synod, congregations have strengthened ministry through partnering with neighboring congregations." **Our shared ministry agreement with First Lutheran in Glenville is a working example of this.** She continues "... What opportunities are there to be the church for the community beyond our buildings? What is already happening that we can come alongside? What needs of our neighbors currently need to be met? One of the gifts of being a congregation of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod is that no congregation must go it alone. We are part of a network with congregations and connections that strengthen us and multiply the impact we have in the communities to which we are called." All of the reports are available on the Synod website.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. The inaugural Car Hop on May 9th was well attended and a lot of fun. It was a good use of our lower parking lot. Thanks to Nel's Diner and everyone who helped with this event.

As the saying goes, "all good things must come to an end." This relates to many things in life, but also to church roofs. We have an issue with the south tower roof, but the shingles on the main sanctuary roof also need to be replaced. The premises committee is exploring options at this time.

Even though it is summer, we still have church on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. The fellowship is always good, as well as a meal Wednesday evening at 5:00. You can stay connected with Trinity by viewing our Sunday service and upcoming events on our Facebook page. Have a safe summer!

Ron Petersen
Council President

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PREMISES
June 2024

The elevator inspector was here. Everything was good except the phone wasn't working. We are getting someone to look at that now.

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Steve replaced a broken step on the stairs to the lower parking lot.

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The automated external defibrillator arrived this week. We are looking for a location to put it now.

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The grass is growing really well.. So we are mowing at least once a week.

We are still trying to find someone to fix the South Bell Tower.

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Premise committee,

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Leland Johnson
Jason Taylor

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The June/July newsletter is here. Congratulations to our students that graduated high school this year!! At our April council meeting, we went over a few of the scholarship application answers (anonymously), there were a lot of excellent replies. Be proud of our youth.

The higher fixed interest rates have also given us the opportunity to invest a portion of our restricted fund account locally in multiple, short-term CDs. This increase in interest money will be used to enhance our ministry at Trinity. We recently renewed a CD that matured last month, this CD will mature in April 2025 and is earning 4.91% interest.

Thank you to all our members who are generously donating to the tower repair restricted fund. That will be an important repair coming up soon.

April financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$32,136.67
Total Disbursements	\$22,637.42
Cushion	\$9,499.25

YTD financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$104,437.39
Total Disbursements	\$93,216.51
Cushion	\$11,220.88

s/ Chris Skogheim

June/July Message from Pastor Eileen

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“Then what should I do? There are times when I should pray with my spirit, and times when I should pray with my mind. Sometimes I should sing with my spirit, and at other times I should sing with my mind.”

~ 1 Corinthians 14:15

“You must encourage one another each day. And you must keep on while there is still a time that can be called ‘today.’” ~ Hebrews 3:13

You might have seen a viral video that recently came out. It was from a school district in Ohio, Louisville Public Schools. It was the school that Jake went to while we were in Ohio. In the video, you see kindergarten students in their school hallway, jumping into the camera and disappearing. The students return jumping into the shot. But now, the students are grown up. They are at the football stadium. They are wearing dress shoes, cap, and gown. Obviously, they are graduating. The message of the video is that time goes fast. Cherish every moment.

This is so true. As a mom of two boys, I know how precious time is.

However, there are also times when we waste our time. We waste it on entertainment, endless work, etc. I wonder how much time we lose doing things that don't matter. I wonder how much time is lost that could be given to God. “Then what should I do? There are times when I should pray with my spirit, and times when I should pray with my mind. Sometimes I should sing with my spirit, and at other times I should sing with my mind.” All of life can and should be given to God. We should pray with the spirit and with the mind. Sing with the spirit and with the mind. That means that in whatever we are doing, God is at the center.

Summer is a special time of year. School is out. Time is spent on boats, in the yard, or on vacation. Life is less structured. But it also goes so quickly.

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During this summer, please, I pray, do not lose any part of your relationship with God. Worship is so important. I pray that we worship together more often than not. Worship and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ buoys us up. Not only do you need worship. Your church family needs you. When you are away, something is missing. God never stops loving, caring, and forgiving.

I encourage you to continue praying with every day. I dare you to read your Bible (it will be a joy). I challenge you to “Love God and Love Others, by Serving God and Serving Others” in many and varied ways. May we all “keep on while there is still a time that can be called “today.”

Please know that I pray for you. I pray for renewal and worship. I pray for strength and patience. I pray for calm and moments of joy and excitement. I pray for you. I beg for your prayers also.

Pastor Eileen

TLCW Board Report

When God says he has given us all things to enjoy, I don't think he is talking about the grandeur of the mountains, sunsets and waterfalls. It is anything that gives us pleasure and is in accordance with his will. So, I don't want the demands of life to blind me to the little joys that pop up every day. Appreciating those little joys frequently provides the stamina for the big demands.
Marilyn Meberg

Summer is almost upon us, wishing everyone a beautiful and fun season. There are a few things happening with our TLCW. First we are having our Heritage/Salad Luncheon on June 5th at Noon. Please mark this on our calendar, bring a salad and a friend if you wish. Our program will be "Remembering the Wedding Dresses from the 1920s to the 1990s.

June is also when we have our combined circles Bible Study Gathering. The TLCW Board will furnish the treats, if anyone would like to help set up and clean up, we won't turn you down.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 4th TLCW board Meeting 9:30am

June 5th Heritage/Salad Luncheon 12 noon

June 12 Sewing Day 9:00am

June 19 Combined Bible Study 9:30am in Jacobsen Hall

July 2 TLCW Board Meeting 9:30am

July 10th Sewing Day 9:00am Our thanks for their dedication

July 17th Combined Bible Study 2:00pm Jacobsen Hall

July 21st Undie Sunday Collection

July 28th Undie Sunday Collection

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

Maya Angelou

New Orleans and Youth Gathering.

Students, chaperones, and parents, there are two more training sessions for our trip to New Orleans and the Youth Gathering. These sessions are with the other churches we are travelling with.

Here are the meetings:

Sunday, June 23rd from 1:30-3:30 at East Freeborn Lutheran Church

Wednesday, July 10th starting with a meal at 5:00.
The meeting will be at 5:30, at Trinity.

Please be at each meeting. If you cannot attend, let Pastor Eileen know.



Ten youth and two chaperones will be travelling to New Orleans on July 15-21 for the ELCA Youth Gathering. They are: Kennedy Behnke, Jackson Bighley, Wally Egeness, Damien Estes, Lily Hammann, Bode Miller, Andrew Skogheim, Eli Skogheim, Corky Stanley, Ian Taylor, Jake Woyen, and Pastor Eileen. Korbyn and Heather Johnson will be travelling with us and housing with Redeemer, Alden.

Please pray for a wonderful experience!

It takes a lot of time, prayer, and resources to go to a Youth Gathering. You can help! In the coming weeks, there will be opportunities to sign up to pray for our youth and adults going to New Orleans. You will also have the opportunity to sponsor parts of the trip.

Here's what you can sponsor:

\$5 – mileage

\$20 – 1 meal

\$80 – 1 tank of gas

\$180 – 1 night in our hotel room

\$250 – 1 meal for the group

While on our trip, all sponsors will receive a postcard from the group sharing details of our trip. In August, all sponsors will have an opportunity to learn more about our students' experiences. Plus a special treat. Our youth thank you for all your support. **Sign up sheets available in office or on table outside the office.**

Four of our youth will be attending
Bible Camp this summer!

Please pray for Lily Hammann, Dane Johnson, Ried Johnson, and Marty Woyen for a safe and faithful week at camp.

Note:

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



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.



June 16th

Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...

Tower Repair

JB Hammersly

By Dale and Gloria Jensen

Roof

Helen Edwin

By Phyllis Tavis

Undesignated

Kathy Bakken

By Carol Johnson

Liz Skov Campership Fund

Steve Johnson

By Ron Petersen

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!

A Thank you from the Salvation Army -


Dear Friends,

I cannot tell you how much your donation and support means to us at the Salvation Army. With your help we are able to help those in need in our Community.

Thank you!

God Bless

Capt. Marie Lewis



Altar Guild Picnic
Monday, June 24, 2023
6:00 PM
Edgewater Park Cottage

Bring a dish to share. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Feel free to bring a guest.

All current and retired members are welcome.

Ruby's
PANTRY

Please follow the signs and stay in your vehicle

June 1, 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



Patriot Sunday

On **Sunday, June 30th** during the worship service there will be a presentation of flags by veterans and current military in honor of the 4th of July.

All veterans or current military are invited to participate, no uniform necessary. Any questions, please call Steve Olson, 383-3855 .



Signup sheet available in office and on table outside office.

It takes a lot of time, prayer and resources to go to a Youth Gathering. You can help in the coming weeks by signing up to sponsor for:

- \$5.00 mileage _____
- \$20 for one meal _____
- \$80 for 1 tank fill-up _____
- \$180 for night stay in our hotel _____
- \$250 for meal for the Group _____

Name: _____

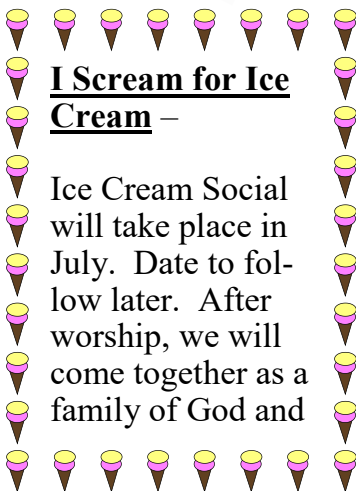
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**Summer Splash!
Friday,
August 16th**

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

Watch for sign-up
sheet on the
opportunity table
later in June/July.



**I Scream for Ice
Cream –**

Ice Cream Social
will take place in
July. Date to fol-
low later. After
worship, we will
come together as a
family of God and

Keep in mind and on your
calendars for the fall.

We will again be collecting underwear
for elementary age boys and girls to be
given to the Salvation Army this fall.

Collection Sundays will be July 21st
and July 28th.

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