

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## June/July 2023

### Newsletter

#### Worship Services

9:00 AM, Sundays

5:30 PM, Wednesdays

Holy Communion at all services.

Be **KIND**  
to one another,  
**TENDERHEARTED,**  
**FORGIVING**  
one another, as  
**GOD** in **CHRIST**  
has forgiven **YOU.**

Ephesians 4:32, NRSV

**HERITAGE**  
YOUR HERITAGE IS IMPORTANT  
**So is the SALAD LUNCHEON**

Let's do them together  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 AT NOON  
BRING A SALAD AND TRINITY HALL  
BRING A FRIEND! **'Appetite for Knowledge'**

**Altar Guild Picnic**  
**Monday, June 26, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Edgewater Park Cottage**

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

Servers: Sharon Herfendal & Lori Holty

*All current and retired members are welcome.*

**Patriot Sunday**

On **Sunday, July 2nd** 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 .

## Fun Nights

High School – Friday, June 23 – 7:00-10:00

4 year olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Sunday, June 25 – 10:30 am – 11:30 am

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Saturday, July 8 – 4:00 – 7:00

4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade – Sunday, July 23 – 4:00 – 7:00

Each Fun Night (or afternoon) will have age appropriate games, crafts, lessons, and fun. A meal or snack will be provided. If you would like to help out with these Fun Nights, let Pastor Eileen know.



I Scream for Ice Cream – on July 30<sup>th</sup> after worship, we'll enjoy together as a family of God a Good Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. Yum!



## *Summer Splash!*

### Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

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

***Everyone is Welcome!***

625 Park Ave.

Tubing & Water Fun begins at 1:00 PM.  
Come when you can!

Dinner is around 6:30 PM.  
Hamburgers and hot dogs.  
No cost.

**There is a sign-up sheet on the opportunity table.**



\*Participants should bring a towel and possibly a life vest if they have one.  
\* Children under 10 need to have an adult with them. If no adult is available call Corky @ (507) 402-2808 for a solution.



## **Announcing Operation Restoration VBS !**

Area Local Churches are hosting a Vacation Bible School called **Operation Restoration: Mending God's World.**

During this exciting weeklong program, kids learn to be menders of the universe as they explore the daily themes of **Feed, Heal, Forgive, Pray, and Rest.**

Operation Restoration is scheduled at the location Ascension Lutheran Church, 1101 S. Highway 69, Albert Lea, MN.

From the dates August 7th through August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Each daily session starts at 5:30pm with a meal and ends at 8:30pm.

This VBS is open to all kids (and parents) who have just finished grades Kindergarten through 5th grade.



## **VBS – “Destination Restoration”**

Trinity is partnering with other community churches to provide Vacation Bible School to Albert Lea. Mark your calendar for Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> in the evening. We will be sharing God's love at Ascension Lutheran Church (1101 US-69).

There will be something for everyone. We start with dinner. The VBS is for children age 5 through incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. There will be Bible Stories, art, music, games, and lots of fun. Adults, that are not assisting with VBS, will have some fun and informative time together too.



# SUMMER FOOD SUMMER MOVES

Summer Meals...All Kids Welcome!

18 and Under Free!

Halverson Elementary School  
707 E 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Lakeview Elementary School  
902 Abbott St.  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Albert Lea High School  
2000 Tiger Lane  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Brookside Education Center  
211 W Richway Dr.  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

**June 5th—June 30th**

Monday – Thursday

Friday will be at Brookside only

Breakfast Served: 8:15AM – 8:45AM

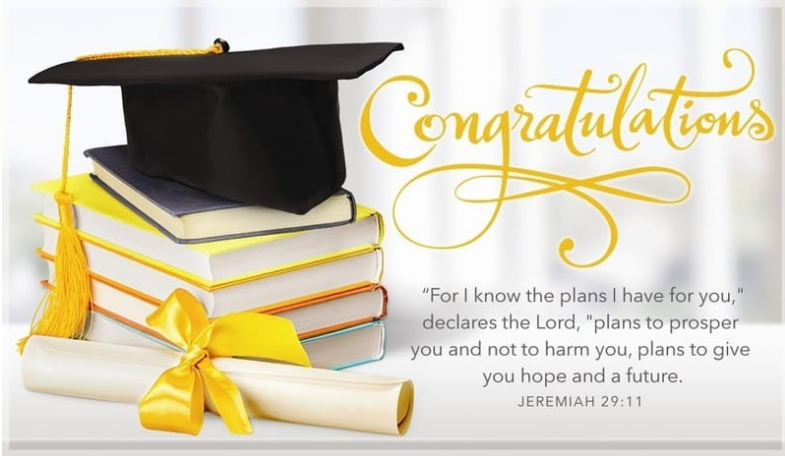
Lunch Served: 10:45 AM—12:30 PM

For more information, please call Director of Dining Services at 507-379-5301

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THANK YOU to Trinity members who contributed to the special offerings and other donations for our participation in the MN Adult & Teen Challenge fishing tournament. Some contributions were directed through Trinity, some direct to MATC and for raffle tickets. The current amount is \$1165 which has now been matched. Participation in the long term recovery course averages about \$1460 a month. Your generosity will provide over 6 weeks for someone seeking a new life in Christ. You are appreciated. Darryl Meyer

*Thank you to my Church Family for all the prayers and cards when I had knee surgery. God Bless you all.  
-Doris Hansen.*



***Irene Cordioli***

Exchange Student of Charlie & Leiha Colby  
19958 690<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Albert Lea, MN 56007

***Zoe Kokot***

Daughter of Rob & Sheri Kokot  
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***Jaeger & Jaxson Venem***

Sons of Chris & Heidi Venem  
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*This must be done each calendar year.*

***Thank you to everyone that is already enrolled  
in this program.***

# Walk to Fight Suicide



## Out of the Darkness Community Walk: Albert Lea

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Registration at 9am

Register at  
[afsp.org/albertlea](https://afsp.org/albertlea)



American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention



Above all,  
love each other  
deeply.

1 Peter 4:8

## Something to Keep in Mind

It seems early, but school sales will be starting before we know it. We will again be collecting underwear for elementary age boys and girls to be given to the Salvation Army.

With the early start to the school year, collection Sundays will be July 23rd and July 30th.

Thank you in advance.  
s/ Pat Goldman

## Lutheran World Relief

The following items were sent on the Lutheran World Relief van on Saturday, May 20th, 2023.

Baby Care Kits:.....22

Personal Care Kits:...48

Quilts:.....48

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped.

s/*Joan Mattick*

# Ruby's PANTRY

*Please follow the signs  
and stay in your  
vehicle*

Next drive - thru pantry is:

**Saturday June 3, 2023**

**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





## Finance

The June/July newsletter is here. Congratulations to our 4 students that graduated high school this year!! I would also like to congratulate the outgoing confirmation class on their completion of studies in faith.

Did you know that there is a Trinity Lutheran Endowment Fund? This is a permanent fund that was established from bequests and donations to Trinity. The principal money is left intact, but the quarterly interest is credited to our Mission Trust, Family Faith Formation, and graduating senior scholarship accounts. This money is invested in the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA and has a value of over \$240,000. The 4 fixed certificates of deposit have varying maturity lengths and interest rates. Please contact the finance committee if you are interested in learning more about how to leave a legacy gift to Trinity Lutheran.

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 will continue to monitor current economic conditions for low-risk investment opportunities.

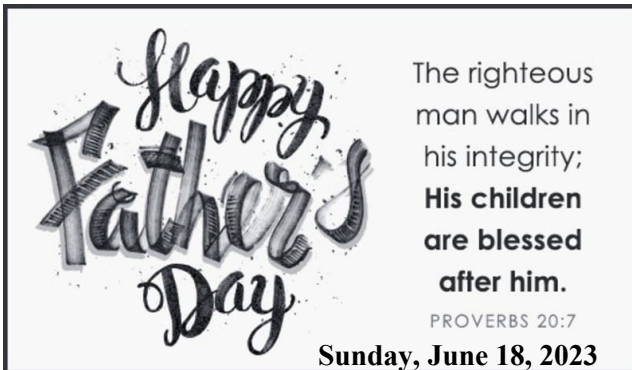
### April financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$ 29,067.33
Total Disbursements	\$ 22,816.02
Cushion	\$ 6,261.31

### YTD financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$ 91,454.52
Total Disbursements	\$101,525.02
(Shortfall)	(\$10,525.02)

s/ Chris Skogheim



## *Pastor Eileen*

Remember those days when you thought you could rule the world? Remember when you were young and you could fight off evil with just the power of a stick you found in the yard and your sheer awesomeness? Remember when you could take care of any child and play house like no one else? Remember when you would run around the house or the pool in just your swimsuit and not be ashamed or self-conscious?

It's hard for me to remember those days too. It seems that with each passing year we lose more and more of our self-esteem. If only we could reclaim some of that self-esteem that we had as a child before we started listening and believing the messages that the world gives that bring us down.

But believe it or not, God thinks you're wonderful! God thinks the world of you! Listen to some of God's thoughts about you:

### **I am**

- Blessed wherever I go (Deuteronomy 28:6)
- Holy for thou art Holy (Leviticus 19:2)
- The light of the world (Matthew 5:14)
- A child of God (John 1:12)
- Part of the true vine, and Christ's life flows through me (John 15:1, 5)
- Christ's witness sent out to tell everybody about him (Acts 1:8)
- Justified (Romans 5:1)
- Free from the punishment my sins deserve (Romans 8:1)
- Led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14)
- An heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ (Romans 8:17)
- Given the mind of Christ. He gives me his wisdom to make right decisions (1 Corinthians 2:16)
- A temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in me (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- No longer living for myself, but for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)
- A new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)

- A saint, a holy person (Ephesians 1:1)
- Forgiven (Colossians 1:14)
- Chosen by God and dearly loved (Colossians 3:12)
- One of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:11)
- An inheritor of eternal life (1 John 5:11-12)

I think you're great! I know you're special!

If you don't believe me, think of what God thinks of you!



The following youth and adults will be Loving God and Loving Others by Serving God and Serving Others in Savannah, GA: Isaiah Andersen, Kameron Behncke, Tristan Dickerson, Hayden Lowe, Taison Saelee, Kaiden Verness, Jake Woyen, and Hsa Yu. Adult Chaperones are Elijah and Katey Andersen and Pastor Eileen.

Please pray for the ministry work that we will be doing. Pray for safe travels. Pray for transformed lives both in those we serve and in ourselves. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The Youth will be sharing the events of the Mission Trip at a future worship service this summer.

As the Sunday School Year ends, we say goodbye to our wonderful Director of Family Ministries, Jill Hagen. Jill has decided it is time to retire, spend more time with grandkids, and do the quilting she enjoys so much. We thank God for her dedication and the joy she brought to Trinity. A proper farewell will happen later this summer.

Council is looking at the ministry at Trinity as we move forward with the hard task of finding a replacement.

On Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will help United Way celebrate as they Officially Open their Welcome Pantry (411 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Suite A – the old Streater building) from 3-6. We will provide a booth with a game and maybe some face painting. Could you help? See Pastor Eileen

## **Council President**

The 2023 Southeastern MN Synod Assembly was held May 6<sup>th</sup> in Mankato. This year's theme was "Flourish – Like trees planted by streams of water." We are all connected and depend on each other to share the ministry. Pastor Eileen, Cathy Petersen, Greg Andersen and myself attended from Trinity. The assembly began with worship and communion. Bishop Hassanally had a very thought provoking and entertaining message. One of the guest speakers was the Minnesota State Demographer, Dr. Susan Brower. She spoke about current and projected population trends in Minnesota. These are changing not only because of age, but also because of the many diverse populations moving to Minnesota. We are experiencing that in Albert Lea and our Trinity congregation.

Bishop Hassanally, in her pre-assembly message "Learning from the Forest," reminds us that "we each have a role in the ministry of the whole synod as individuals and congregations. Each congregation's ministry can be fortified and strengthened by the ministry and presence of the congregations around it....We each need a deep taproot, something solid and solitary, rooted in Christ and our communities. We each need a lateral root system, too. This fibrous outreach to other individuals, communities, and congregations connects us to one another." This is a good reminder of where does Trinity Lutheran and each one of us fit in our own ministry of Christ to those around us.

Congratulations to our graduates and confirmands. Best wishes for your future plans in life.

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!*

## *Premises Committee*

- Changed oil and sharpened the blades on the 2 lawn mowers. We have already mowed several times and it keeps on growing. Del Johnson and Bob Goldman are our volunteer lawn mower crew. They come every week to mow. Thanks guys.
- We have a new picnic table donated in memory of Mike Dahl by his family. We have it assembled and it is in the courtyard. Check it out.
- The fireside room has a new coat of paint. Thanks Andrea Jensen and Jean Pectorious for painting the room. It took 2 coats of paint, and it looks great. Also new blinds were purchased for the windows and doors. Thanks Glen Juveland for help installing the new blinds. The room looks so clean and fresh with the new paint and blinds. Check it out.
- Work continues on the fire exit lights and spotlights. All are complete and operational except 2 exit lights. Parts are on order and hopefully arrive soon.
- Our roofing contractor will be here soon to install shingles on a small section of the sanctuary roof that blew off and inspect all of the roofs.

If you have any concerns or questions contact Steve, Jeff, or any council member.



## ***Trinity Lutheran Church Women***

By Linda Olson and LeAnn Juveland

“Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart”  
Psalm 37:4

But realize that the feeling is mutual, for ours is not a one-sided relationship with a faraway deity. Just as we delight in God, He delights in us.

In an effort to fully appreciate the joyful life God offers me, I’ve embraced the practice of checking in with myself at the end of the day, asking “where did I see God today?” The daily prompt to search for the divine in the details of my life has resulted in a greater sense of His nearness. And He is always near. In a backyard garden. In the grocery checkout line. Around the dinner table. God is ready to meet us and fill our hearts with the kind of gladness possible only in the abundant life Christ promises.

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### **TLCW Board Meeting**

Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

Tuesday, July to be determined

### **Heritage & Salad Luncheon—Combined**

*Is Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at noon*

*Bring a Salad & Bring a Friend*

### **Combined Bible Study**

Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am

Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

### **Sewing Day**

Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> & July 12<sup>th</sup>

We received an invitation to the Cedar Summerstock Theater in St. Ansgar, IA where they are having the play ‘Church Basement Ladies’, a musical comedy. Sign up information is on the bulletin board by the church office.

The Blue Earth River Conference Spring Event was held on April 29, 2023 and hosted by First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea with the theme ‘Just Love’. Representatives from Good Earth Village, Campus Ministries and Thrivent Financial of Lake Mills were in attendance along with 64 total women from the BEREC conference area churches. The main speaker/presenter was Shirley Gangsted who presented her program of the ‘Bent Over Woman’ part of her Potrayals of Women of the Bible Series she performs for the public.

## *Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...*

### Mission Trip

#### ***Barry Oliva***

By Lance Skov  
By Michelle Sorensen  
By Greg and Rosemary Andersen  
By Myron and Marlys Jensen  
By Ron Petersen  
By Mary Roozenboom  
By Jean Pestorious  
By Friends and family

### Wednesday night supper

#### ***Barry Oliva***

By Joan Mattick  
By Virginia Plantage  
By Lowell and Darcy Nielsen  
By Fern Rockwell  
By Loren and Elaine Porter  
By Mary Ann Martinson  
By Jim and Joyce Hoium  
By Cathy Petersen  
By Del and Sue Johnson  
By Bob and Patti Yaw  
By Barb Larson  
By Friends and family

### Parking Lot

#### ***Barry Oliva***

By Lorraine Malepsy  
By Lori Holty  
By Tim Malepsy  
By Mark Malepsy  
By Chris and Tara Skogheim  
By Karen Sorensen  
By Earl and Gayle Neist  
By Dick and Phyllis Tavis

### Berthelsen Scholarship

#### ***Barry Oliva***

By Jeff and Kim Nelson  
By Erik and Dorothy Justesen  
By family and friends

### Undesignated

#### ***Alberta Brandt***

By Cathy Petersen

### Commercial Mixer

#### ***Alberta Brandt***

By Sue Fink

### Okoboji camperships

#### ***Red Nelson***

By Jay and Cheryl Enderson

### Jacobsen hall

#### ***Barry Oliva***

By Mike and Andrea Jensen

## **Wednesday Night Meal**

Serving time: 5:00 to 5:30 PM | Trinity Hall

No cost.

*Join us for a meal and fellowship.*

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