

# **Trinity Lutheran Church**

## **November 2023**

### **Newsletter**

#### Worship Services

8:45 AM, Sundays

5:30 PM, Wednesdays

Holy Communion at all services.



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Thank Offering Service



Tuesday, November 7th, 2023

1:30 pm

Dessert and Coffee

**All Saints November 2022–  
November 2023**

*Marcia Petersen*

*Duane Schroeder*

*Richard Anderson*

*John Severtson*

*Barry Oliva*

*Dorothy "Nadine" Moller*

*Alberta Brandt*

*Lorraine Anderson*

*Richard "Dick" Tavis*

*Arelly Badje*

**Worship service November 5th**



Sunday School for 4 years to 5th grade begins after worship each Sunday at 10:00!  
If you are interested in teaching or helping out, see Pastor Eileen or Shyanne Sundve.

### Lutheran World Relief

The following items were sent on the Lutheran World Relief van on Saturday, October 14, 2023:  
Quilts 37-Personal Care Kits 35-School Kits 60

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped assemble kits. Our next sewing day is Wednesday, November 8th. We will be sewing large and baby quilts for the Salvation Army.

Please come and help.



Believe it or not! We have 21 students in our Confirmation Program.

A number of those students will be going to Ingham Okoboji November 10-12 for a Recharge Retreat. Please keep our students, parents, leaders, and mentors in your prayers.

**Ruby's**   
**PANTRY**

*Please follow the signs  
and stay in your  
vehicle*

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.

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Volunteers Needed: Call 507-373-8233



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Fall is finally upon us. A telltale sign of this is the leaves are changing color, crops are being harvested, and daylight savings time is ending. A sign of fall at Trinity is the church council nominating committee is looking for members willing to serve on the council. Please consider this if you are asked, or you want to have your name placed on the ballot. We will also be working on the 2024 church budget.

Last month I was having a difficult time deciding what to write about. This month I can give some follow-up to those topics.

A. The “Shared Ministry” agreement with First Lutheran has gotten off to a positive start. Trinity members have also adjusted to the 8:45 worship start time. (I haven’t seen anyone falling asleep during the service).

B. The Annual TLCW Soup and Pie was another success! Thank you to everyone who organized, prepared, and served this year.

C. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to be a mentor for the confirmation class. It will be a rewarding experience for everyone.

D. The sewing ladies once again sent off a large number of quilts, personal care, and school kits to Lutheran World Relief.

E. Volunteers at Trinity are special. It would be difficult to place a dollar amount on the hours spent by people who do things at Trinity.

F. How can you get involved at Trinity? Consider these opportunities: Altar Guild – Ushering – Serving Communion - Sunday Worship Reader Working With Our Youth – Wednesday Night Supper – Bible Study Leader - Home Communion Visitation – Flower Delivery – Monthly Newsletter—Sending Cards - Serving the Sunday Coffee Hour – Money Counter – Sunday Service Broadcast – Taking care of the church lawn and grounds—Serving on Church Council or one of our committees – and of course seeing your smiling face at church on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights!

s/ Ron Petersen  
Council President

## Premises Committee November 2023

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- The carpets in the Sanctuary, the stairs and Entrance areas, the altar area, the stairs to the balcony, and the balcony were all steam cleaned. In other words, all the red carpets were steam cleaned. I think it really brightened up the church. It's been a while since they were cleaned last.
- The Trinity Hall carpet looks great since it was cleaned. It survived the soup and pie supper with minimum spilling.
- Several years ago, we did some extensive repairs on the bell tower. We installed a new roof and re-plastered the ceilings below in the balcony area. With our roof inspection in the past summer, we found that the south tower needs repair. It looks like we need a new roof for sure and possible roof construction replacement of some rotten floor joists. We have a construction engineer coming to look at and tell us what we need to do for repairs. Hopefully we can do this repair before winter sets in.
- The boilers have been started so all zone valves and boiler safeties can be checked for operation, and the forced air furnaces can be checked for proper operation before the cold weather sets in.
- Soon the church will be decorated for Christmas. It will be here before we know it.

Contact Steve, Jeff, or any council member with any concerns or questions.

## Finance Committee

Thank you for your generous support over the past year! Last year, our shortfall through September 2022 was \$21,157. This year, through September, we only had a shortfall of \$8,047. That is an increase of \$13,110, the finance committee is very appreciative of the rise in donations to Trinity and our mission.

On October 5<sup>th</sup> I sold tickets for the TLCW annual soup & pie fundraiser (11AM-1PM, not the evening serving). Selling tickets was the small part I helped with. The volunteers setting up, cooking, and cleaning up really knocked it out of the park. I am always in awe of how well things run and get done in Trinity Hall with our volunteers. I will say all of our guests left full and very satisfied with the soups served.

A quick note for anyone that used the Amazon Smiles option when shopping at Amazon, supporting our youth fund. Amazon has ended this program, so if you were searching for it as you shop, this is why you didn't see it. Thank you to those who used Amazon Smiles over the past couple years.

Please consider setting up for online giving either on our website at [www.tlc-al.org](http://www.tlc-al.org) or at <http://myeoffering.com/>.

September financial overview:	Total Receipts
	\$17,981.56
	Total Disbursements
	\$21,342.29
	(Shortfall)
	(\$3,360.73)

YTD financial overview:	Total Receipts
	\$201,102.88
	Total Disbursements
	\$209,150.46
	(Shortfall)
	(\$8,047.58)

s/ Chris Skogheim

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***Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.***

*Psalm 100:4*

This statement is so true. How often do we go through life complaining and not recognizing all the wonderful gifts that God has given us? How often do we think our blessings come from us and our hard work, and we forget the blessings of God?

November is the month of Thanksgiving. It is the month of giving thanks. How are you giving thanks? How is God blessing you? How are you blessing God? How do I Love God and Love Others while Serving God and Serving Others? Big questions with maybe bigger answers.

I believe I am most thankful for the kindness and hospitality I see around me. I am thankful for our Wednesday meal program where individuals and families eat and share fellowship. I am thankful for our children and youth and the joy they give us all. I am thankful for our pre-confirmation and confirmation programs where our children can feel safe, loved, and learn about God and His promises. I am thankful for mentors and individuals that are willing to give of their time and talents to grow faith. I am thankful for all the folks that search to grow their faith. I am thankful for music and laughter. I am thankful for devoted Altar Guilds that prepare our worship and for individuals that make our buildings look clean and inviting. I am thankful for all the faithful saints—those here and in the Church Triumphant—who bless me day in and day out. I am thankful when I see fields harvested of their bounty. I am immensely thankful for my family—my brothers and sisters in Christ—at Trinity Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Church.

I am thankful that we have trusted the Holy Spirit. Our first month of Shared Partnership has been fruitful and busy. We are getting to know each other. Stares across the room have turned into handshakes and hugs. We are worshipping a Mighty God together. We are studying the Word of God together. We are Loving God and Loving Others by Serving God and Serving Others. I can only imagine what the Holy Spirit has in store for our churches as we grow in love and service.

May I suggest a practice to help cultivate your thankfulness? Every day in November write down something of which you are thankful. You can do this on paper. Or you could use this as a daily post on Facebook, #Novemberthankful. It will be easy at first. As the days get longer and we get closer to Thanksgiving, you'll have to be more creative and introspective. I believe in the process your thankfulness and faith will find new life. Plus you'll find blessings all around you. And you can be a blessing too.

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# FUN DAY

High School Fun Day will be  
Sunday, November 12th  
from 6-8 pm. 10th thru 12th graders are  
invited to come hang out and have a meal  
together.

## Bible Study



Mon. Evenings in November  
@ 6:15 pm  
Thurs. Mornings in November  
@ 9:30 am  
3rd Tues. of the Month November 21  
@ 6:45 pm  
Saturdays in November  
@ 8:15 am



Our Mentor Event for November will be Sunday, November 5th (at the beginning of the month due to Thanksgiving) at 12:00 noon at Trinity Lutheran in Trinity Hall. We will be discussing “For All the Saints.”

Subs will be provided. Please bring a drink and something to share.

MEN-TOR/NOUN  
AN EXPERIENCED AND TRUSTED ADVISER

***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!

## TLCW NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

By Linda Olson and LeAnn Juveland

'The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest'

Psalm 85:12

There's something nostalgic about the scents of autumn, the foliage with rich changing colors, the foods and holidays. As Christians we are called to remember these 3 things about autumn:

\*Autumn refreshes us with new wonder. In Autumn, the creativity of God hollers "look at these things". Autumn reminds us that there's a world of wonder out there.

\*Autumn reminds us of the Promise of Glory. We can learn from change-when we are older our 'leaves' are starting to change-our color is silver rather than red, but the Glory is the same.

\*Autumn prepares us for winters coming. Inevitable, autumn's beauty and wonder fades into winter's chilled silence. Autumn reminds us that our leaves too will die, we will not last forever on this earth. We will die with grace falling back into the arms of our Savior.

TLCW Board Meeting

Mary Circle

Deborah & Elizabeth Circles

Eunice & Lois Circles

Sewing Day

Tuesday, November 7 at 11:30 am

Tuesday, November 14 at 1:30 pm

Wednesday, November 15 at 9:30 am

Wednesday, November 15 at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, November 8 ALL OUR WELCOME

Thank Offering Service Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm Dessert and Coffee

**\*\*Coffee Hour Circle Dates for November\*\***

November 5<sup>th</sup>

November 12<sup>th</sup>

November 19<sup>th</sup>

November 26<sup>th</sup>

Deborah

Elizabeth

Eunice

Louis



2024 *New Orleans*  
ELCA YOUTH  
GATHERING  
JULY 16 - 20, 2024

Our youth are planning on going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Please pray for our youth as they prepare.



**Don't forget our  
worship time has  
changed to  
8:45 am on  
Sunday!**



# THE VILLAGE: PARENTING TOGETHER

A group focused on creating rewarding relationships between caregivers and children of any age. With an emphasis on both the caregiver's and child's mental health. Led by two moms, who happen to be therapists.

Corinne Applegate, LPCC  
Kate Rosell, MSW, LICSW

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 parent belonging honesty  
 child development hope relaxed  
 normalize daily responsibilities suggestions  
 feedback burnout skills  
 empowerment resources  
 explore child behavior wellbeing ideas  
 needs  
 reduce shame parent-to-parent learn  
 mental health positivity self-care  
 daily challenges  
 communication

Freeborn  
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Mental Health  
Center

Support

Growth

Empowerment

Starting:  
November 6<sup>th</sup> 2023  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
5:30 PM

Call to Join:  
507-377-5400

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

### Mission Trip

Jim Hanson

By Friends and Family

Keith Heavner

By Ron Petersen

### Altar Guild

Jim Hanson

By Mike and Andrea Jensen



### *Church Keys*

*To help our new Office Manager organize; please call the office or stop by and let Carol know you have keys for the office/church so she is able to update the list.*

*If you no longer need a key, please return the key to Carol.*



We have partnered with United Way of Freeborn County for their Winter Gear Drive. We all know how cold things are going to get this winter. Let's help our neighbors stay warm. Drop-off gently used and new coats and new hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves. Donations are for all ages and sizes. Trinity has a Drop Off Box in our lobby.



The date for decorating the Church for Christmas has been changed to Monday, November 29th at 4:30. This is the Monday before Thanksgiving, it was felt that this way hopefully more people can participate. We have done the decorating on the Friday after Thanksgiving and some people are gone or with family. It's a fun time, so please join us.

Andrea Jensen, Worship and Music Committee

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