

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## October 2023

### Newsletter

#### Worship Services

8:45 AM, Sundays

5:30 PM, Wednesdays

Holy Communion at all services.



**Praise  
the LORD!**

*I will give thanks  
to the LORD  
with my whole heart,  
in the company  
of the upright,  
in the congregation.*

Psalm 111:1

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27 July 2023

Dear Friends at Trinity:

Peaceful greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus!

My Sweet Sonya's death (25 June) was quite swift and unexpected. She was diagnosed with malignant multiple myeloma and we had been told that *"though not curable, it is treatable and manageable and people can have an active and productive life for many, many years."* We had started a discipline of both radiation and chemo treatments and were settling into what we thought would be something of a routine for months and years to come. It was not to be, however, and the end came all too swiftly. I am left utterly devastated and I am trying to deal with the harsh reality that death deals to those left behind.

What has upheld me in this dark time is the promise of our Savior and the sure hope of resurrection and glad and happy reunion with those we love in an eternal realm. What has also supported me in this time is the rock solid love and tender care of family and friends. I am writing to you because you have been an important and significant part of our lives throughout our nearly 53 years together; and our now-50+ years of pastoral ministry. I say "our" because I certainly could not have done this without Sonya and also because she was such an important part of our time together with you.

So many cards, letters, notes of remembrances, assurance of prayers and good wishes! Also, such generosity! Many of you have sent memorials in remembrance and honor of Sonya. Sonya's wishes for memorials to go to the Trinity Lutheran Church (Gresham, OR) Endowment Fund (which provides for ministry and outreach resources in perpetuity) has been honored. Other gifts to a special fund for support of an inner-city school (Portland, OR) for families who cannot afford school supplies for their child was also a special interest for Sonya. Some of you have made other designated gifts and those wishes have also been honored. For your kindness and generosity, my family and I say, Thank You!

Danke! Merci! Gracias! Shukran! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

A memorial folder from the funeral service (1 July) is enclosed. It was a joyful and hope-filled liturgy centered in the resurrection of our Lord and a beautiful musical tribute to our beautiful Sonya and her deep love and appreciation for the music arts which was so much a part of her and her ministry. (A YouTube video of the service is available through the website of Trinity Lutheran Church of Gresham, Oregon.)

With much love and appreciation ...

Curtis



dreamstime.



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 Lutheran World Relief van will be at First Lutheran Church on October 14th. We will be sending our quilts, school kits and personal care kits.

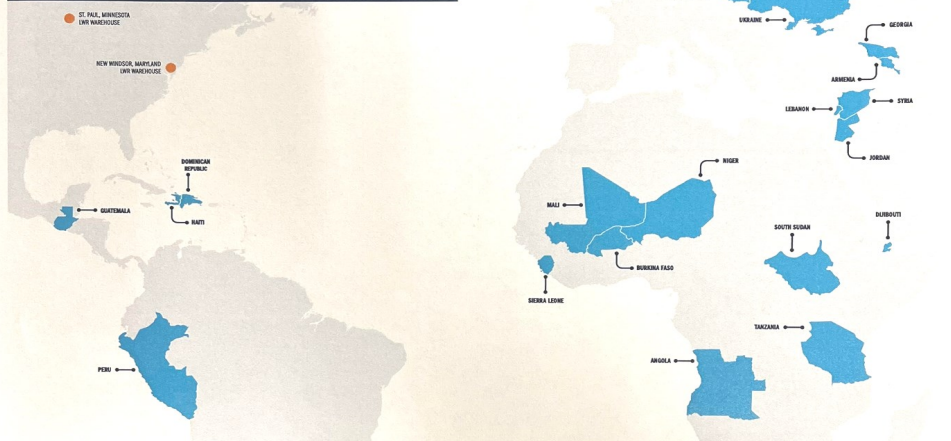
On August 23rd, we packed 60 school kits.



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

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# WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2022?



COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	BLANKETS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS	MASKS
ANGOLA	Maryland	18,480			9,890	4,950	1,230	
ARMENIA	Maryland	12,375					1,230	
BURKINA FASO	Minnesota	14,760		4,480	9,100	4,480	4,100	4,400
DIJIBOUTI	Minnesota	10,080		15,360				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota			15,360				
GEORGIA	Maryland	36,960						
GUATEMALA	Minnesota	7,200			21,700	7,200		
HAITI	Minnesota	8,640			2,800			
JORDAN	Maryland	7,260		5,500				
LEBANON	Maryland	15,180		8,000	6,900	4,200	1,230	
MALI	Maryland	22,440		5,900	4,830	3,150	205	6,250
NIGER	Minnesota	11,160		5,760		3,840		4,400
PERU	Minnesota	15,840			7,000			
POLAND	Maryland	11,520		2,500	7,360	3,480		
SIERRA LEONE	Minnesota	10,800			7,000	3,840		4,400
SOUTH SUDAN	Maryland	3,630	1,650	13,000	3,220	2,100	820	6,250
SYRIA	Maryland			6,500	5,908			
TANZANIA	Minnesota	7,920		6,400		6,080		
UKRAINE	Maryland	6,072		3,000	8,280	3,240		6,250
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>220,317</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>90,860</b>	<b>94,060</b>	<b>46,680</b>	<b>8,815</b>	<b>31,950</b>

*This shipping information is from LWR's 2022 fiscal year (Oct 2021 - Sept 2022).*

## Ruby's PANTRY

*Please follow the signs  
and stay in your  
vehicle*

Next drive - thru pantry is:  
**Saturday October 7th**  
**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



## Council President-October 2023

I have been having a difficult time coming up with a topic for the October newsletter. Should I:

- A. Focus on the “Shared ministry” agreement with First Lutheran Church in Glenville? This is an exciting opportunity for both churches to expand ministry.
- B. Focus on the dedication of the Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) to once again host their Annual Soup and Pie Fundraiser on October 5th. I cannot underestimate the work of everyone who made lefse, and their sheer determination to roll out the last ball of dough.
- C. Focus on the large confirmation class this year, and how we as a church can be an influence on their spiritual growth, as well as ours.
- D. Focus on the work of the sewing ladies and the beautiful quilts they make with love and skilled craftsmanship. Their work is appreciated around the world.
- E. Focus on the work of everyone who volunteers at Trinity. We have a tremendous group of members who do things for our church.
- F. Focus on the many ways you can get involved in the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

If I keep thinking, I may be able to find something to write about this month. See you in church!

S/Ron Petersen  
Council President

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## Premises Committee October 2023

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- We have not mowed the grass in at least 3 weeks. It just has not been growing. Maybe one more mow should do it, then we can put the mowers to rest for the winter.
- Our roofing contractor has been working on the rubber roofing repairs and new flashing where needed. It's good to keep up on these repairs.
- We will be cleaning the carpets in the sanctuary, the altar area, the entrance steps, and the balcony. Steam Brothers will be the contractor doing the work. It's been a long time since these areas have been cleaned.
- I will be cleaning the confirmation center carpet this fall with our carpet cleaner.

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

### Bible Study

Mon. Evenings in October @ 6:00  
pm  
Thurs. Mornings in October @ 9:30  
am  
3rd Tues. of the Month October 17th  
@ 6:45 pm



## Finance Committee

Last night I attended the first night of confirmation, and I would like to say WOW. First off, there are 19 kids (young adults) signed up, that is amazing. Secondly, it was a room filled with good kids, I'd say great

kids but 2 are mine and they drop the bar down some (I kid, it was a room of great kids). It was nice to see how much they had matured over the summer and how good they interacted with each other.

Thirdly, we have 3 students from Glenville attending. After the first couple minutes of participating in an exercise PE handed out (an ice breaker to get the kids interacting with each other), they fit right in, great kids also. I look forward to helping with the confirmation class this year. Week 2, I could change my mind, but I doubt it.

Thrivent Choice Dollars is a great financial tool for our congregation that members can use to direct money from their Thrivent investments to Trinity. Members must initiate Thrivent to send the desired amount to the church. This can be done via phone or online. Here is a link describing the steps <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/files/26087.pdf>. Thank you to those who use this program for stewardship, these dollars help our church's restricted fund accounts.

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/>.

August financial overview: Total Receipts \$18,404.08  
Total Disbursements \$19,210.56  
(Shortfall) (\$806.48)

YTD financial overview: Total Receipts \$183,236.32  
Total Disbursements \$187,923.14  
(Shortfall) (\$4,686.85)

s/ Chris Skogheim

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I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19

God is a creator of new things. God created the universe and everything in it including you and me. God creates beauty and love. God continues to create through his children.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is a new day. We are in a new time for Trinity Lutheran Church. I am so excited and proud that we are beginning our partnership with First Lutheran Church in Glenville. It is scary to say yes to new things and to things we're not always sure about. I believe we listened to the Holy Spirit calling us to this partnership. Every day will not be spectacular and that there will be growing pains. I do know that God walks with us and the Holy Spirit guides us forward.

The major difference that members of Trinity will experience is the change of worship time. As of October 1 sty , Trinity Lutheran will be worshipping God together at 8:45. The same sermon will be preached at First, Glenville at 10:30.

I believe the other changes are beneficial to our life together as followers of Christ. We will have more youth in our Pre-confirmation and Confirmation programs. We will be able to Love God and Love Others by Serving God and Serving Others through new and different opportunities while enriching our current and traditional ministries to our community.

This month we will also host our Annual Soup and Pie on Thursday, Oct. 5. I think we have the best cooks around. What an opportunity to serve our community and world! Help is always needed. I pray that I will see all of you there either helping or enjoying the soup and pie.

New things are all around. God is doing new things. I pray that we keep our eyes open to witness them in our midst.



# FUN DAY

We have some fun activities and time for you coming on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month. **Sunday Fun Day** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month we'll have something fun to do.

This October on **Sunday, Oct. 10** children of all ages are invited to come during **Sunday School** and decorate a pumpkin.

On **Sunday, Oct. 10** from **6:00-8:00** youth, **10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade** come have some fun time at church. Meal provided.



Fright at the Farm! Come with us to **“Rochester Horror: Fright at the Farm”** on Friday, Oct. 20 at 6:00. This event is for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and up. Cost is \$10 and includes admission and a meal at the church before. Drivers are needed for this event. Sign up on the opportunity table so that we can plan for you.



Our first **Mentor Event** of the year is Sunday, October 29 at noon. We will be meeting our mentors and students. We will be having a potluck. Please bring 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!

# TRINITY LUTHERAN SOUP & PIE

*Proceeds go to local charities & world hunger*

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 5, 2023**

**501 S. WASHINGTON  
ALBERT LEA, MN**



**WILD RICE  
CHICKEN NOODLE  
CHILI  
POTATO HAM**



11:00 am - 1:00 pm

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

**Adults \$10  
Kids 3 - 10 \$5  
Under 3 Free**



**And then there are  
the heavenly pies**

OCTOBER 2023 TLCW  
By LeAnn Juveland and Linda Olson

Want to lift your spirits from the hustle and bustle of the day? Sing to the Lord.  
When praises go up, blessings come down. Now isn't that something to sing about?  
Thelma Wells

It is October 2023, where has the time gone? Of course this month will be busy. If  
you have volunteered to work or make a pie for the Soup 'n' Pie a huge thank you to  
you.

The Soup 'n Pie committee are so blessed by all of our willing workers and bakers. I  
am writing this before "lefse making day", I am sure it will be a great success also.

## October Calendar of Events

October	3rd	TLCW Board Meeting	9:30 am
		Bible Study Leaders	1:30 pm
	4th	Prep day for Soup 'n Pie	
	5th	Soup 'n Pie	
	10th	Mary Circle Study	1:30 pm
	11th	Sewing Day	9:00 am
	18th	Deborah & Elizabeth Bible Study	9:30 am
	18th	Eunice & Lois Circles Bible Study	2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Schedule

October	1st	Deborah Circle
	8th	Elizabeth Circle
	15th	Eunice Circle
	22nd	Lois Circle
	29th	Mary Circle

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:45 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>8:00am Alden American Legion Breakfast proceeds to Trinity's Youth Fund</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:15pm Monday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30am TLCW Board Meeting</p> <p>1:00pm Bible Study Leaders</p> <p>5:00pm TOPS</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper</p> <p>5:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>6:30pm Confirmation/Pre Confirmation Class</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am <del>Thursday</del> Morning Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Soup &amp; Pie</p> <p>2:00pm Communion at St. John's - Fountain Lake</p> <p>4:30pm Evening Soup and Pie</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:15am Men's Bible Study Sharing Time</p> <p>8:45am Ruby's Pantry</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:45 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>SUNDAY - FUNDAY</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School - Pumpkin decorating</p> <p>2:00pm REACT Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Grade 10 -12 Meal and Fun</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:15pm Monday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:30pm Mary Circle Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm TOPS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Sewing Day</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:01pm CARPET CLEANING-Sanctuary</p> <p>5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper</p> <p>5:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>6:30pm Confirmation/Pre Confirmation Class</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Council</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am BERG Women's Board Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Load Quilts</p> <p>8:15am Men's Bible Study Sharing Time</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:15pm Monday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:00pm TOPS</p> <p>6:45pm Women's Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>No Confirmation/Pre Confirmation Classes</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study Circles</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>2:00pm Bible Study Circles</p> <p>5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper</p> <p>5:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00pm Fright at the Farm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:15am Men's Bible Study Sharing Time</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:45 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion and "Noisy Offering to Help Bridge the Gap in Food Costs for Albert Lea Community"</p> <p>8:00am American Legion Pancake Breakfast</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:15pm Monday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:00pm TOPS</p> <p>5:30pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper</p> <p>5:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>6:30pm Confirmation/Pre Confirmation Class</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:15am Men's Bible Study Sharing Time</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:45 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>12:00pm Confirmation Mentor Event</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:15pm Monday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:00pm TOPS</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper</p> <p>5:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>6:30pm Confirmation/Pre Confirmation Class</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study</p> <p>2:00pm Communion at Oak Park Place</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:15am Men's Bible Study Sharing Time</p> <p>8:45am Ruby's Pantry</p>

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

### Undesignated

Sonya Zieske

By Joyce Johnson

By Dean and Donna Sonnek

Arelly Badje

By Marlin and Sharon Herfendal

### Kitchen Supplies

Arelly Badje

By Glen and LeAnn Juveland

### General Improvements

Dick Tavis

By Bev Noland

Arden Bergland

By Phyllis Tavis

### Youth Mission Trip

Dick Tavis

By Friends and Family

By Loren and Elaine Porter

By Donna Oliva

Jim Hanson

By Phyllis Tavis

By Mike and Andrea Jensen

By Ron Petersen

### Berthelsen Scholarship

Paul Pierson

By Mark and Sheila Jensen

### Altar Guild

Jim Hanson

By Glen and LeAnn Juveland

### Jacobsen Hall

Jim Hanson

By Mike and Andrea Jensen



St. John's  
Lutheran Community  
Sponsoring Churches

Join us

Tuesday, October 10th  
6:00 p.m.

St. John's Fountain Lake Chapel

Light dinner with an informal presentation  
followed by tours of

St. John's Lutheran Community

*St. John's was established over 60 years ago by  
24 Lutheran Churches in Freeborn County.*

*We are excited to reconnect with each church and members to  
inspire a healthy relationship for many generations to come.*



St. John's on Fountain Lake  
1861 Eagle View Circle  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Please RSVP by Friday, September 29th to  
Kathy Woodside 507-473-1013  
or [kwoodside@stjohnsofalbertlea.org](mailto:kwoodside@stjohnsofalbertlea.org)



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