

Trinity Lutheran Church

September 2023

Newsletter

Worship Services

9:00 AM, Sundays

5:30 PM, Wednesdays

Holy Communion at all services.

Let us



one another
because

love comes from God.

1 John 4:7, NRSV



Out of the Darkness Albert Lea Walk

September 23, 2023

Registration begins at 9:00 am

Walk begins at 10:00 am

Trinity Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN

Walk with us on September 23! Our Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about.

Contact Darcy Nielsen with any questions 507-402-7886

Preregister at
afsp.org/albertlea



American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention
Minnesota



Trinity Lutheran Church will once again host the “Out of the Darkness Walk to Prevent Suicide” on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Registration begins at 9 am. The walk starts at 10 am. Let us join together to let others know that God loves them and we do too!



dreamstime.



Sunday School for 4 years to 5th grade begins September 24th after worship at 10:30! 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.

September 13

Our Wednesday ministry starts again with our 6th through 9th graders. It all begins with Parent Meetings on Wednesday, September 13. Pre-confirmation will meet at 6:30 in the Confirmation Center. Confirmation will meet at 6:30 in Trinity Hall. We have welcomed the children from First, Glenville to join in our confirmation ministries. Letters have been sent out. If you know of a child who would like to come or have any questions, please see Pastor Eileen.

Ruby's PANTRY

*Please follow the signs
and stay in your
vehicle*

Next drive - thru pantry is:
Saturday **September 2**
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





Join in the Celebration of
Rally Sunday, Sept. 17th. We will
have worship. We will play games
and make crafts. Nel's Diner will be
here with the yummys. See you
there!

Council President

TRINITY LUTHERAN SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting will be held
Sunday, September 10th, 2023

10:30 AM in the church sanctuary

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the
proposed, six month "Shared Ministry" agreement
with First Lutheran Church, Glenville, MN

All voting members are encouraged to attend

Trinity Lutheran Church Council

As noted in the above announcement, there will be a special congregational meeting Sunday, September 10th, at 10:30 am. Please read Pastor Eileen's article for more background information regarding this agreement and how it came about. The Trinity Church Council is unanimous in its support of this six month agreement. We feel this is a unique opportunity to reach out to another congregation in the area, and also strengthen our local ministry as well.

Thank you for everyone who is helping in the office and the family ministry/education programs at Trinity. The personnel committee is finalizing the new job descriptions of Office Manager and Family Ministry Director.

With school starting again, we are also beginning our fall scheduling at Trinity. Check out the opportunities to become involved, and to also help with ministry at church. This can range from serving communion or reading at a church service, to helping with our youth programs. It is nice to see our in person worship attendance steadily increasing.

Ron Petersen
Council President

Finance

June, July and August have flown by once again, and it is a hot one as I write this little newsletter. Again, I look back to my September 2022 newsletter and couldn't help but notice this time last year we were further in the red than this year, by \$12,690.47 to be exact. The finance committee would like to thank you all for the financial support of our mission.

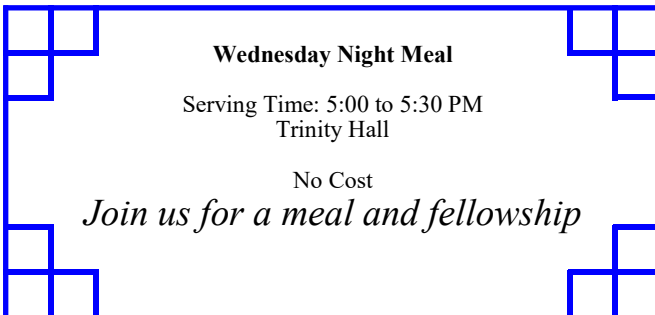
Using restricted fund donations, we have purchased a new 8qt. Kitchen-aid commercial mixer for the kitchen. You can bet the lefse going will be good this year- and a lot easier to prepare. This will be a great upgrade for our already awesome kitchen. Thanks to all who donated!!

Please set up an account for online giving either on our website at www.tlc-al.org or at <http://myoffering.com/>.

July financial overview: Total receipts	\$29,941.93
Total Disbursements	\$20,728.62
Cushion	\$9,213.41

YTD financial overview: Total receipts	\$168,722.61
Total Disbursements	\$164,387.08
(Shortfall)	(\$3890.37)

s/Chris Skogheim



Pastor Eileen

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.~~Galatians 6:10

Sometimes you have to work hard for an opportunity to show up in your life. Sometimes opportunities just fall in your lap; and the, you have to decide what to do with them.

Such an opportunity fell into my and Trinity Lutheran's lap last spring. I received a call from Pastor Matt Larson, Assistant to the Bishop. He asked if we would be interested in contracting ministry with First Lutheran in Glenville. First, Glenville was without a Pastor and could not see calling a full time pastor. Would I be willing and able to help them out?

At first, I wasn't sure. I'm a single mom of 2 crazy boys. I have the wonderful, important ministry going on at Trinity. I'm involved in the community. I need a little time just for myself. I told Pastor Larson that I would pray and discuss this opportunity with our council.

As I continued to pray and discern, I felt the Spirit's calling to try out this "Holy Experiment", as it's called. Yes, I hear and feel your concern that this may be more opportunity (ministry) then we can handle. However, how will we know yes or no unless we try?

The pros, for me, outshine the cons. We will have the opportunity to minister to a larger group of folks.

We will Love God and Love Others as we Serve God and Serve Others. More opportunities to be a witness of Christ's love in our community. Our ministry to our youth will be expanded and sometimes it's more fun with more kids. Our Bible Studies will benefit from new perspectives and new faces. This will open up resources that will give us more opportunities for staffing and other ministry. I will get the opportunity to feel the excitement of a new ministry with the foundation of an old, beloved ministry. And the contract is only for 6 months. If it doesn't work, we aren't tied to a commitment.

The only negatives I can perceive are that I will not be available to have some coffee with after worship. I will only be at Trinity on the last Sundays of the month and office hours on Tuesday will be in Glennville.

Trinity council unanimously voted to approve the Contract for Shared Pastoral Ministry with First, Glennville and is bringing the item for a congregational vote. The vote will happen on Sunday, Sept. 10th after church.

Keep your eyes open for more information about our Contract for Shared Pastoral Ministry with First Lutheran, Glennville. Ask your questions. Pray. Be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance.



Bible Study Returns

Mon. Evening Sept. 11th @ 6:00 pm
Thurs. Morning Sept. 14th @ 9:30 am
3rd Tues. of the Month Sept. 19th @
6:45 pm

PREMISES COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 2023

Thanks to Glen Juveland for repairing some small holes in the siding on Trinity garage. It's almost like someone was throwing rocks at the garage which made holes in the siding. Thanks Glen.

We hired Steam Brothers to steam clean the carpet in Trinity Hall. We removed all the tables and chairs, tables, and freezer. They did an excellent job cleaning the carpet . It was bad with a lot stains. For being I think 26 years old, the carpet looks pretty darn good now. Thanks to Ron, Del, and Leland for helping in removing the tables and chairs. We have some extra 8 ft. tables we are looking to find a good home for. They are in the Trinity garage. If interested contact Steve or Ron.

I have been cleaning the carpets in the hallways and Sunday school rooms with our cleaning machine. Also, the confirmation center room will get done.

Our roof contractor will be doing some much-needed repairs on the rubber roofing. They will be removing and replacing some small areas and replacing some flashing that needs to be repaired. We feel we need to keep up with these repairs as they show up.

Contact Steve or Jeff or any council member with any ideas or concerns.

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 to Local Charities &
World Hunger

**Thursday
October 5th
2023**

**501 S. Washington
Albert Lea, MN**



**11:00 am - 1:00 pm
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

Soups
-Wild Rice-
-Chicken Noodle-
-Chili-
-Potato Ham-



Did you hear?
There will be Lefse sold at
both
Serving Times!

COST
ADULTS \$10
KIDS 3 TO 10. \$ 5
UNDER 3. FREE

SEPTEMBER 2023 TLCW

By Linda Olson and LeAnn Juveland

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

Matthew 11: 29-30

We have great hope, actually, because an abiding life in Christ has nothing to do with our resources-and everything to do with Him. He is our Peace. The richer Hebrew meaning of peace is a positive presence of the Lord's blessing-of His favor, His pleasure, His grace in all of our life. He doesn't spell out precisely what God will do in the midst of our next big, unexpected difficulty, but as we take His yoke and learn from Him, He makes an unbreakable promise: “You will find rest for your souls”

Coffee Hour Servers for September

September 3	Elizabeth Circle
September 10	Eunice Circle
September 17	Lois Circle
September 24	Mary Circle

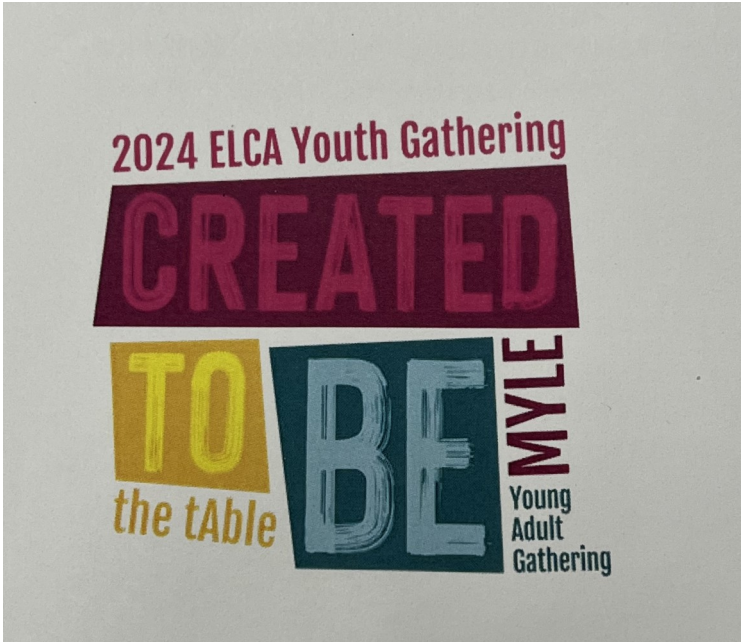
TLCW Board Meeting	Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 9:30 am
Mary Circle	Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 1:30 pm
Deborah & Elizabeth Circles	Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 9:30 am
Eunice and Lis Circles	Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 2:00 pm
Sewing Day	Wednesday, Sept. 13th (all are welcome)

Mission Days 'Pass the cake Pan' is September 10th and 13th-Maryls Weber -chair person

Monday, Sept. 18th Prep for Lefse

Tuesday, Sept. 19th Lefse making—Jean Pestorious, chair person

Looking forward— TRINITY LUTHERAN SOUP & PIE SUPPER
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH— Donna Oliva &
LeAnn Juveland, co-chairs.



The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, LA on July 16-20, 2024. The gathering is open to 8th-12th graders. We will have an informational meeting for the trip of Wednesday, Sept. 13th at 7:30 pm. (After the Confirmation Parent Meeting). We will need a lot of support and help. We will also be looking for chaperones. Questions? See Pastor Eileen. See you there!

Thank you, Trinity members, for your continuing generosity. Over 2 Sundays we collected 118 pair of boys undies, 228 pair of girls undies, 40 pair of socks, and 2 pair of tights!

The Salvation Army is very grateful for these donations as are numerous local children.

Pat Goldman

Memorials Given In Loving Memory Of

Undesignated

Lorraine Anderson

By Shorty and Nancy Jensen

By Dean and Donna Sonnek

Dick Tavis

By Mary Roozenboom

By Steve and Linda Olson

By Jay and Cheryl Enderson

By Virginia Plantage

By Eleanor Schou

By Shorty and Nancy Jensen

By Joyce Johnson

By Earl and Gayle Neist

By Erik and Dorothy Justesen

By Joe and Marcia Sczublewski

By Bob and Pat Goldman

By Darryl and Jo Meyer

By Cathy Petersen

By Becky Knutson

By Dale and Gloria Jensen

By Brent and Linda Bergland

By Mike and Andrea Jensen

By Doris Hanson

By MaryAnn Martinson

By Clarence and LaVonne Eggers

By Family and Friends

By Sonya Zieske

By Dean and Donna Sonnek

Wednesday Night Suppers

Dick Tavis

By Dori Schou

By Larry and Coreen Weigel

By Dean and Donna Sonnek

By Joan Mattick

By Sharon Swensrud

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Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...

Parking Lot

Dick Tavis

By Charlotte Vinge

By Barb Larson

By Friends and family

Jacobsen Hall

Dick Tavis

By Jean Pestorious

Berthelsen Scholarship

Dick Tavis

By Erna Berthelsen

Sonya Zieske

By Phyllis Tavis

Lorraine Anderson

By Erna Berthelsen

Youth

Sonya Zieske

By Jeff and Kim Nelson

By Mark and Sheila Jensen

Dick Tavis

By Mark and Sheila Jensen

Barry Oliva

By Lyle Hinz

Camperships

Arden Berrgland

By Ron Petersen

Sonya Zieske

By Ron Petersen

By Leverne and Liz Skov

Lorraine Anderson

By Ron Petersen

By Leverne and Liz Skov

Dick Tavis

By Ron Petersen

By Leverne and Liz Skov

Mission Trip

Barry Oliva

By Friends and Family

Mission Trip continued

Dick Tavis

By Lorraine, Tim and Mark Malepsy

By Lori Holty

Building Improvements

Dick Tavis

By Flo Gilster

General Improvements

Sonya Zieske

By Marlene Wright

Dick Tavis

By Marlene Wright

Commercial Mixer

Lorraine Anderson

By Tom and Jody Nygaard

Dick Tavis

By Tom and Jody Nygaard

Sonya Zieske

By Tom and Jody Nygaard

HONORARIUM

Wednesday Night Suppers

In Honor of Leverne and Liz Skov's

55th Anniversary

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