

Trinity Lutheran Church

September 2024

Worship Services

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

Newsletter



Home Communion Ministers

will meet on Sunday, **September 29 at 10:00** in the back of the sanctuary with Pastor Eileen. We will do a check up on how things are going in this important ministry and renew our Home Communion List. If you are interested in becoming a Home Communion Minister or know of someone who would desire Home Communion, please call the office or see Pastor Eileen.

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!



Ready for some fun? We will begin our Sunday School year on Sunday, September 8th. There will be fun, games, crafts, fellowship, and food (Thank you again to Nel's Diner). See you right after worship on the 8th.

Invite your friends!

8th graders are looking for Mentors.

As part of our Confirmation Program, we pair up our students with adults to share our faith. I know that Trinity and First love their kids. One of our 8th graders may ask you to be their mentor. Please pray for all the students.

Mission Trip 2025

Where are our youth serving in Summer 2025? High School students (8th-12th) and their parents are encouraged to attend the Mission Trip 2025 planning meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:30 at Trinity.

Thank you from The Salvation Army

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

I would like to extend my personal gratitude for the generous underwear donations over the years. These contributions have provided significant support to numerous families with in our community and will continue to do so. Your steadfast and unwavering support remains invaluable and is deeply appreciated. We express our sincere thanks for your continued support of The Salvation Army. Together, we can make a difference.

*Sincerely,
Amber Larsen
Case Manager*

Our 2024 Underwear donations were:

Girls Underwear—229

Boys Underwear—163

Total 392

Since 2012 we have donated 5,566 pairs of underwear to the Salvation Army.

Pat Goldman

September Trinity Lutheran Ushers

Lyle Hinz
Shorty Jensen
Del & Sue Johnson
Glen & LeAnn Juveland
Tom Nygaard
Steve & Linda Olson
Jan Drews

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
September 2024

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SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe that the summer of 2024 is over. School is back in session, Labor Day is here and fall programming is beginning at Trinity. Rally Sunday is September 8th. We usually think of Rally Sunday as only for the young people in our congregation. However, this year I want everyone to consider being part of it. Fellowship is an important part of being a church community. Come for worship at 8:45. Please stay for conversation, games and trivia in Trinity Hall after the service. Nel's Diner will be providing refreshments.

We have some new staff and volunteers directing our educational programming at Trinity this fall. We are still searching for more people to help with our Sunday Faith Formation and Wednesday evening confirmation classes. Our free Wednesday night suppers are also an important part of our ministry outreach. You may have those unique talents and gifts to enhance our family ministry. Do not be afraid to participate.

Our church garage and the sanctuary roofs have been re-shingled, except for the area between the towers. The contractor had favorable weather to work on these roofs August 19th and 20th. The remaining projects should be completed in September. We are still waiting for the south tower renovation bid.

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works. Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25

Ron Petersen
Council President

PREMISES
August 2024

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The company doing the shingling was back this week to do a little more measuring on certain things. They plan on starting work on August 19th.

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They are still working on a plan and cost of the South Bell Tower.

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The kitchen floor is getting waxed and polished this week.

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Leland Johnson
Jason Taylor

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I wrote this letter on my birthday, it was a nice day, kids are back in school, and my home office is back to quiet. I love having my kids around, but uninterrupted work is nice too.

Once you read this the new roof will be over our sanctuary – more of a premises note but with the insurance coverage we received, we will not have to do fundraising or planning in the future for a sound roof. Thank you to all for the running/groundwork to make this project happen.

We have seen an increase in online giving, if you are interested please set up an account for online giving either on our website at www.tlc-al.org or at <http://myeoffering.com/>. If you have any questions regarding this, please reach out to me.

July financial overview: Total Receipts	\$21,750.25
Total Disbursements	\$20,877.04
Cushion	\$873.21
YTD financial overview: Total Receipts	\$170,403.11
Total Disbursements	\$155,957.78
Cushion	\$14,445.33

s/ Chris Skogheim

Message from Pastor Eileen

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“Created to Be”

On July 15th, ten young adults and one adult chaperones joined me, and churches from East/Central Freeborn, Redeemer/Alden, Bear Creek, Pickerel Lake, and Conger Lutheran Churches, for a trip of a lifetime. We jumped on our 2 fifteen passenger vans to go to New Orleans to go to the ELCA Youth Gathering where we were told that we were “Created to Be!”

What an event! What a time!

We stayed at the Troubadour. A hotel so fancy that it didn’t have a free Continental Breakfast. The rooms were lovely and air conditioned. The staff was extremely helpful and fun. In fact, one night we were invited to come down to the “bar” for mock tails. Yum!

While in New Orleans, we experienced a lot:

- The interactive center: where we learned about issues of Justice and Peace while having fun (Plus there were inflatables, especially some rowdy soccer matches)
- Beignets, Gumbo, Jambalya, and Alligator. Everyone was willing to try something new.
- The Louisiana heat and humidity
- Mass Gathering with almost 17,000 of our brothers and sisters in Christ worshipping, learning, and praising God together in the Smoothie King Arena (where the New Orleans Pelicans play).
- Meeting Lutherans from all over the United States and in our own neck of the woods here in Minnesota.
- Worshipping with all the synods of Minnesota. We filled a huge ballroom at the Convention Center.
- Learning about the effects of climate change and how it affects our neighbors all over the world.
- The Louisiana heat and humidity

- A few thunderstorms
- Sharing Holy Communion with all our Youth Gathering friends
- Building relationships within our church family and with God
- Learning that the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2027 will be in Minneapolis!

We are “Created to Be!” We are *created to be brave*, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged. We are *created to be authentic*, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator. We are *created to be free*, to be transformed by the gospel. We are *created to be disruptive*, to work for justice for all our siblings. We are *created to be disciples*, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

I have been in love with the culture and city of New Orleans ever since I first went to NOLA to do Hurricane Katrina relief work. The city never disappoints. And when our youth learn something new about a different place and different culture, they learn even more about themselves. I pray that our youth came home different and changed by the Holy Spirit. I pray that in Loving God and Loving Others by Serving God and Serving Others their relationship with God grows and grows.

Now...all the kids are ready for their next adventure sharing the love of Jesus here in Albert Lea and next summer! Because We are Created to Be!

Thank you to all the people that made the trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering possible through their resources, prayers, and support. Our youth are truly blessed.

Thank you to Corky Stanley for being a “first class” chaperone even though I couldn’t provide a “first class” plane ticket.

Thank you to our youth for making everything joyful and interesting: Kennedy Behnke, Jackson Bigley, Wally Egeness, Damien Estes, Lily Hammann, Bode Miller, Andrew Skogheim, Eli Skogheim, Ian Taylor, and Jake Woyen.

TLCW Board Report

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWSLETTER

Since prayer is simply talking to God, why not talk to him about the very thing that causes our blood pressure to go up in the daytime and sleep to elude us at night. First Thessalonians 5:17 says "prayer continually". this seems like an impossible task until we realize that God wants us to talk to him at all times, about all things. Lisa Fort

It is hard to believe that there are just a few days of summer left, but we can look forward to the beautiful colors God gives us in the Autumn Season. Of course this is also when we get back to more of a routine, school starts individual Bible Study Circles meet together, Circles begin serving Coffee Hour again, Soup 'n Pie and making Lefse. Please feel free to join in and or help with any of these activities. All are welcome!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 3rd	TLCW Board meeting 9:30am	Confirmation Center
3rd	Bible Study Leaders	1pm
10th	Mary Circle Bible Study	1:30pm
11th	Sewing Day	9:00am
18th	Deborah and Elizabeth Circle Bible Studies	9:30am
18th	Eunice and Lois Circle Bible Studies	2:00 pm
23rd	Lefse Prep Day	2:00 pm Trinity Hall kitchen
24th	Make Lefse	8:00am

COFFEE HOUR SERVING SCHEDULE

1st	Eunice
8th	Lois
15th	Mary
22nd	Pancake Breakfast-Supporting "Out of the Darkness Walk"
29th	Elizabeth

Thank you to all who donated to "Undie Sunday" and donations for school supplies for LWR, we are a very giving congregation!!

Do you want to meet new adventurous people?

Do you want to have fun?

Do you want to learn a life time skill?

**Do you want to have an exciting hands on
experience to tell your friends about?**

**If so then this is the lifetime
opportunity you have been waiting for!**

We need YOU



To join the



**Talk to Donna, LeAnn, Linda,
Sheila, Mary or Jody, the
TLCW board about it!**

**We can't do it
without you!!!**

Looking Ahead:

September 23,

Preparation day for Lefse

September 24

Lefse Making Day

**REMEMBER, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY,
JUST A HEART THAT WANTS TO HAVE
FUN !!**



Mark your calendars!

Coming this Fall—

Soup and Pie Supper

October 3, 2024

Lutheran World Relief

The Lutheran World Relief van will be at First Lutheran Church on October 12th. We will be sending our quilts, school kits and personal care kits.

On August 26th we packed 70 school kits. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Joan



Bible Study starts again! Thursday morning Bible Study begins on Thursday, September 5th at 9:30 a.m. Monday evening Bible Study will begin Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. Both Bible Studies will be in the Confirmation Center at Trinity. We will begin by studying the lessons for the coming week.

Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...

Undesignated

Miles Pechacek
by Steve and Linda Olson
Lee Nolting
by Glen and LeAnn Juveland

Berthelsen Scholarship

Miles Pechacek
By Erma Berthelsen

Pechecek Scholarship

Miles Pechacek
by Ron Petersen

Four Home Communion Kits

Honor of my parents
By Barb Larsen

Tower Repair

Dick Webber
By Friends and Family

Walk in Darkness—Albert Lea Walk to Prevent Suicide.

Our out of Darkness Walk, September 28, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Albert Lea.

Walk with us on September 28! 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 lives of those we love and care about.

September 22, 2024 is the Breakfast Fundraiser at Trinity Lutheran Church. Freewill Donation 10:00am-Noon

We'll also be having a Bake Sale & Silent Auction. Proceeds will go to the Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention and Awareness.



Ruby's
PANTRY

Please follow the signs and stay in your vehicle

September 7, 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





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