

# **Trinity Lutheran Church**

## **October 2024**

### **Worship Services**

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

### **Newsletter**



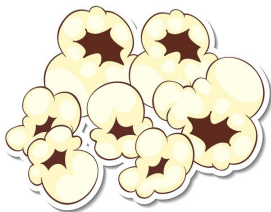
## **Movie's are back!**

October 1 at 1:00pm

### **“A Man Called Otto”**

A grumpy widower, Otto Anderson, has his world turned upside down when a lively young family moves in next door. An unlikely friendship begins with the quick-witted pregnant women named Marisol.

**All the popcorn you can eat!  
Bring your own drink.**



### ***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!



First day of Sunday School learning about Apples and the Garden of Eden. They are also learning about Joseph and his coat of many colors.

## Date Changes for October Calendars

*Altar Guild* meeting date change.  
We will meet Sunday, October 6th,  
after church.

*No Wednesday Night Supper on  
October 2 because of  
Soup and Pie Supper on  
October 3*

*Elizabeth Circle* will be meeting on  
October 9th instead of  
October 16th this month.  
Time will be 9:30am

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT OCTOBER 2024

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The other evening I had the opportunity to ride in a combine that was harvesting soybeans. It reminded me of the days when I was farming, and the joy and satisfaction I felt when bringing in a harvest. The sky was a cloudless blue, and a warm, gentle breeze swept across the field. What a beautiful reminder of the world that God has provided for us.

The annual Trinity Lutheran Church Women Soup and Pie lunch and supper is Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am very thankful for the dedication and passion that so many people put in to this event. Trinity is one of the few churches that still has a gathering like this. Thank you to those who make lefse, bake pies, prepare soup and help serve. This is always a great community event.

The sewing ladies displayed their beautiful quilts at our September 29<sup>th</sup> service. These quilts are made with love and skilled craftsmanship. Their dedication is appreciated at Trinity and around the world.

Monica Nelson, Carissa Nelson and Jill Hagen are serving as our Parish Life Coordinator team at Trinity. Monica will concentrate on the K- 5<sup>th</sup> grade programming. Carissa, who is student teaching in Owatonna, is leading the pre-confirmation class. Jill will focus on the 65 plus segment of our congregation. Pastor Eileen and the council are very excited about the skill sets, enthusiasm and dedication they bring to our ministry.

I will close with the following Bible verse and reminder for all of us:

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

Ron Petersen  
Council President

**PREMISES**  
**October 2024**

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The shingles on the main roof and garage have been replaced.

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We are still waiting for a plan to repair the south tower.

Steve has a plumber doing some repair work on the sink in the sanctuary.

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Our law mowing season is getting closer to the end until next spring.

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# Finance

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Well folks I'm winding down as your Treasurer of Trinity Lutheran Church. Four more newsletters and I will be off council. Without looking into official records, I believe I served 6 years my first two terms, being on the Finance Committee. I then took one year off and served another 6 years, all as Treasurer. I had a lot of help from Ron, Dave McPherson and Lance over the years – Thanks guys!!! I am sure I will be doing things behind the scenes as life marches on. I received a call from our website hosting service suggesting we update our hosting plan. I am in the process of updating a new website for Trinity and will be reaching out for input and help on the design. Once completed, it will have a nice modern look to it and it will have SSL Certification, an option not available with our old website builder. Some of you may have tried accessing our website and your browser told you to stay away, this site not trusted or secure – this upgrade will eliminate that issue. 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://myoffering.com/>.

August financial overview:	Total Receipts	\$22,410.67
	Total Disbursements	\$19,354.73
	Cushion	\$3055.94

YTD financial overview:	Total Receipts	\$192,589.04
	Total Disbursements	\$175,311.79
	Cushion	\$17,277.25

s/ Chris Skogheim

## Message from Pastor Eileen

Reformation Sunday—WEAR RED!!!

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Life can get messy. Feelings can be hurt. Seasons change. Friendships grow and wane. The way we've always done it isn't sustainable anymore. When life gets messy, the one thing that we can always depend on is God's love for you and me.

I am really excited for our Fall Monday bible study. We are looking at "*Messy People: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes*" by Jennifer Cowart. If each of us looks closely at our lives, we would all see that our lives are messy in one way or the other, but God can take our mess and make it into something special.

The "messy" people we will be looking at are: Rahab: Changing Your Messy Story (Joshua 2:6) ...the prostitute that helped Joshua bring down Jericho, The Prodigal Son: Restoring Messy Relationships (Luke 15: 11-32) ...the son that messed up big time but continues to be loved by his father, Josiah: Breaking Messy Family Cycles (2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35) ...the king who remembered how God wants God's people to live, Mary: Surviving Life's Messy Plot Twists (Luke 1: 26-38) ...the young mother of our Savior, David: Overcoming the Mess of Criticism (1 Samuel 16-18; 2 Samuel 12;15) ...God's favorite king with a lot of baggage, and Daniel: Thriving in Messy Circumstances ...how to live as God people in a world that seems so foreign to God's love.

If you can't make the bible study, I invite you to look at these "messy" bible people and learn about their lives. Look at how God uses them even in their messiness. Some of the messiness is brought on by decisions made. Other messiness is just life or the luck of the draw. In any situation, God can bring beauty out of chaos.

What can God do in and with your messiness?

Let's be honest with ourselves. We all have some sort of messiness or chaos in our lives. What can God do in your messiness? How can God make you a new creation in the midst of your messiness? Is God calling you to something new? Is God calling you away from something that is hurtful?

I ask you to pray this month for God to take our messiness... yours, mine, and the world...and make something new and beautiful. Oh, God may our messiness give glory to you. And may we be kind to each other as we work through the messiness of life.



**The Bells are returning!**

See Nancy Halvorsen for  
more information.



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**Lutheran World Relief  
Quilts were displayed Sunday,  
September 29th at the worship service.  
The quilts and many others are being sent  
on the Lutheran World Relief Van on  
October 12th.**

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**UPCOMING BIRTHDAY EVENT**

**Myron “Mike” Jensen  
90th Birthday Celebration  
Saturday, October 12th from 2:00 to 4:00  
Albert Lea Senior Center  
1739 West Main Street  
Albert Lea, MN 56007**

Please bring a memory of dad or email it to  
**lbmeyer@wctatel.net**  
if you are not able to attend.

## TLCW Board Report October 2024

Linda Olson, LeAnn Juveland, Mary Roozenboom,  
Sheila Jensen, Donna Oliva, Jody Nygaard

The autumn of life is a strange mixture of nostalgia, blessings, and potential. It yields the harvest of seeds we've sown throughout life and braces us for colder days to come. When life's autumn arrives, we look back and can

better understand the way God led us; but we still have work to do—the best and fullest. It is a good transition time. "Autumn" only occurs once in the Bible, in Jude 1:12. False teachers are compared to "Autumn trees without fruit", implying that autumn should be a fruitful season, the most abundant of the year. There's a lot of unwelcome change in our world. Moral and societal changes bother us most when we turn on our TV or look at media posts. But amid all the changes, one thing, one person, never changes—our eternal God. How can we take advantage of the "Autumn of life"?

- TLCW Board Meeting Tuesday October 1st at 9:30 am
- Mary Circle Tuesday October 8th at 1:30 pm
- Elizabeth Circle will meet October 9th instead of October 16th for this month at 9:30am
- Deborah Circles Wednesday October 16th at 9:30 am
- Eunice & Lois Circles Wednesday October 16th at 2:00 pm
- Sewing Day Wednesday October 9th- All are welcome!

\*\* Eunice Circle has requested to disband and the TLCW board has voted unanimously to honor the request. This change will go into effect January 1, 2025. A list of those women wishing to join the Lois Circle was provided to the TLCW board and accepted as is. The remaining women would be placed in the 3 other remaining circles.

**Looking ahead Soup & Pie Supper along with Lefse Sales  
October 3rd**

### Coffee Hour Circle Dates for October

October 6 Eunice

October 20 Mary

October 27 Deborah

October 13 Lois

***Soup and Pie at Trinity***

**Thursday  
October 3, 2024**

**11:00-1:00 Lunch  
4:30-6:30 Supper**

**Proceeds go to Local Charities &  
World Hunger.**

**Adults \$10  
Children age 3-10—\$6  
Children under 3—Free**

***Don't forget to buy your  
LEFSE too!***

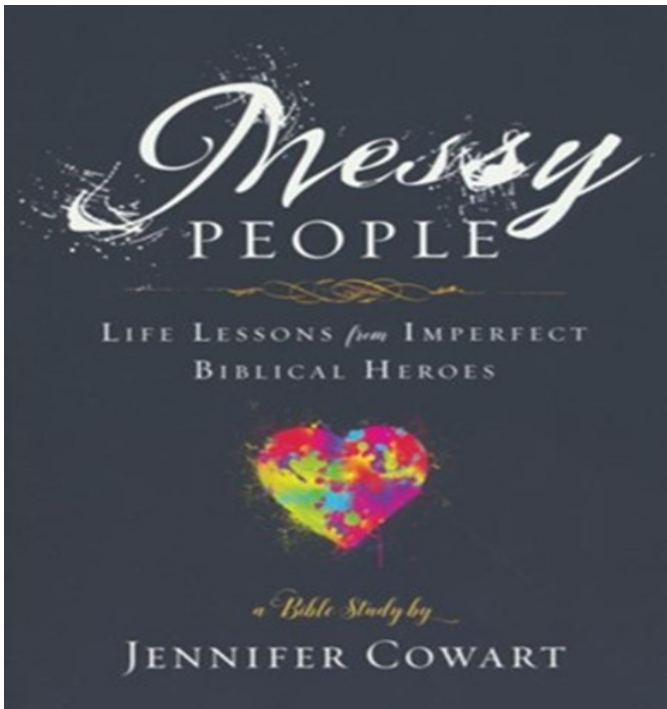
***Soups are Potato Ham, Chili, Wild Rice,  
Chicken Noodle***

***Lots of Homemade Pies***



**Bible Study started again for fall and winter!**

Monday Bible Study is at 6:30 p.m. We will be studying the book *"Messy People: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes"* by Jennifer Cowart. *"God can turn your messy life into a masterpiece! - Every life gets messy at times. Whether it's a messy house or a messy situation, God can restore and use you. In this 6-week study of some messy biblical people, you will learn that God uses broken people, restores broken hearts, and helps us deal with the hard moments of life. Each session focuses on a different character."* This study begins September 30.



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

## **Undesignated**

Clarence Eggers  
By Marlene Wright  
By Family and Friends  
By Amy Ladlie  
By Darryl and Jo Meyer  
By Bob and Pat Goldman  
By Eleanor Schou  
By Clarence Heavner  
By Ron Petersen

## **Wednesday Night Supper**

Clarence Eggers  
By Phyllis Tavis

## **Berthelsen Scholarship**

Clarence Eggers  
By Erma Berthelsen

## **General Improvements**

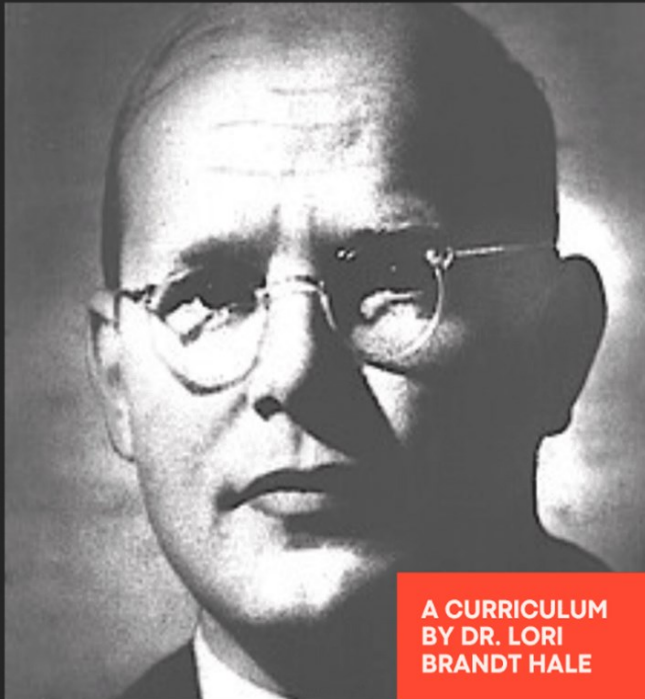
Clarence Eggers  
By Joan Mattick

## **Mission Trip**

Clarence Eggers  
By Glen and LeAnn Juveland

## **Altar Guild**

Clarence Eggers  
By Shorty and Nancy Jensen



A CURRICULUM  
BY DR. LORI  
BRANDT HALE

## Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire



An offering for congregations from  
Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania and  
the International Bonhoeffer Society - English Language Section

### **Thursday morning bible study lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer.**

Thursday morning Bible Study is studying “Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire” by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale. This is a study of this interesting Lutheran theologian of the 1930’s-1940s. What lessons can he share with us today? Bible study is Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

## **Youth**

**Our Confirmation Students and their Mentors** will have their first meeting of the year on Sunday, October 13 from 12:00-1:30. We will have a potluck lunch. Everyone is invited to bring something to share. Our Confirmation students and their Mentors will use this time to get to know each other better. Please pray for this important partnership and friendship between our youth and adults. Our youth are Kennedy Behnke, Jackson Bigley, Wally Egeness, Lilly Elmer, Damien Estes, Jared Hall, Lily Hammann, Korbyn Johnson, Kolter Johnson, Bentley Larson, Bailey Lowe, Bode Miller, Alex Nelson, Tommy Nelson, Paisley Oakland, Andrew Skogheim, Eli Skogheim, Weston Sorenson, Ian Taylor, and Raegan Webb.



Are you ready for Fright at the Farm? This event for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up will be Friday, October 25. We will meet at Trinity at 5:30 p.m. There will be no meal beforehand this year. Cost for the event is \$15 or \$10 for driving adults. Please sign up at the church.



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