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Trinity Lutheran Church, 203 N. Harth Ave., Madison, SD 57042

November 2021





Dear friends in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church,

Rev. Robert Hansen

100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Sanctuary and Church Building Sunday, November 14

I am in awe when I ponder what sacrifices were made to build Trinity's sanctuary and church building 100 years ago. What dedication and faithfulness on behalf of our ancestors and it is their memory that we give thanks and celebrate the anniversary of the dedication.

Bishop Constanze Hagmaier will join with us and share the message at both worship services. Her leadership was essential in the renovation and restoration of the sanctuary.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

A special principle only offering will be received at the at the 100th Anniversary Celebration to help lower the debt on the renovation loan. Suzanne and I want to emphasize how important it is for the future ministry at Trinity to pay off the debt as soon as possible and we have committed to make a \$500.00 donation and challenge all members to do what you can for this special offering.

NOTE: This special anniversary offering is to be above whatever you give to the general fund or the "I Am In Campaign". 100% of this offering will be applied to the principal of the loan.

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

"I Want My Life to Make a Difference"
"I Want My Giving to Make a Difference"

During the months of November and December we will look at Biblical Stewardship under the theme "I Want My Life to Make a Difference—I Want My Giving to Make a Difference." The Bible continually reminds us that our life begins and ends with God. God established a relationship with us from the time we were conceived and born. God established a covenant relationship with us in Baptism and promised that He would never break that covenant. Stewardship is about how we faithfully live out the covenant relationship God has established with us. The refrain from the song "Make a Difference" says it very well.

I want my life to make a difference.

I want my life to make a change.

I want my life to do some good here.

I want my life to make a change.

Key Bible Verse: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

How we live our lives and how we use our money and resources is a key indicator of where our hearts are focused. I encourage you to look at your check book entries or credit card statements and reflect on how you spend your money. Whatever is most important to you will be reflected in how you spend your money. It hasn't changed, listen to what Jesus said, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

Join us for worship in November and December as we explore a Christian's call to be a steward of the gifts God has given in a life centered in worship and service.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Hansen

September 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting September 14, 2021 7:00 P.M.

"Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work," the mission statement of Trinity Lutheran Church was recited by all council members.

The September council meeting of Trinity was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Rob Thuringer.

Members in attendance were: Pastor Bob Hansen, Deacon Suzanne Hansen, Trustee: Sid Gulbranson, Dana Hoff, Deacon: Jim Iverson, Lora Ersland, Brianna Routier, Nancy Sabbe, Parish Ed: Bridget Van Liere, Lori Schultz, Jennifer Briggs, Pastor Bob and Deacon Suzanne Hansen, President Rob Thuringer, Vice President Danny Brown, and Secretary Joan Merager.

Members absent and excused were: Kristen Morse, Susan Farrell-Poncelet, Becky Brown, Tim Walburg, Corey Strom, and Josh Van Dyke.

Vice President Danny Brown led us in devotions by reading from Psalms 54.

President Thuringer presented the agenda and with no additions or corrections Sid Gulbranson made a motion to approve and seconded by Danny Brown. Motion passed.

The council minutes from August 10, 2021 were presented and with no changes Danny Brown made a motion to approve and seconded by Jennifer Briggs. Motion passed.

President Thuringer gave the financial report stating that we are around \$42,000. behind and by depositing the PPP grant money in our account and cover the \$42,000. it will leave us with a balance of \$9700. ahead. He also reported we paid Pastor Sami \$1175. for her ministry she provided to the youth. Her contract was finished on September 5th, 2021. Jennifer Briggs made a motion to approve this report and Danny Brown seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Robert Hansen reported:

- The tally sheet that the money counters use needs updating.
- Discussion was held on our CD's from selling the parsonage and we need to have current signatures on the account. Jenn made a motion to close the mission fund account and put it in the demand account and Lori Schultz seconded. Motion passed.
- Jennifer Briggs and Rob Thuringer will check out

these accounts and get the current signatures on these accounts.

Deacon Suzanne Hansen reported:

- Busy preparing Sunday school and confirmation and their curriculums and organizing teachers and quides.
- High school students will have pizza on Wednesday evening, the 15th and make decisions of what they would like to do this year. We want to find out what the high school students are thinking, they can see a purpose, discuss missions, as they are voting members.

President Rob Thuringer reported:

- The church insurance plan is up for renewal and we will stay with the gold plan. We do need a signed statement sheet from our employees marking if they want the insurance or do not want the insurance.
- Pastor Bob & President Rob read a letter from the South Dakota Synod Bishop Constanze Hagmaier. There was discussion about the letter and Jim Iverson made a motion to accept the letter concerning Pastor Roger Olness who served at our Trinity Lutheran Church from 1972 thru 1974 and he has been asked to resign from the ministry in Benson, MN. Nancy Sabbe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice President Danny Brown reported:

- Danny "Welcomed" Lori Schultz for accepting the Parish Education position of Ryan Townsend as he resigned due to work commitments.
- Danny also presented Usher Sheets with duties and will have them updated and placed in the back of the church for usher directions.

Board of Trustees Chairman Dana Hoff reported:

- She reported we need a new water heater. Jennifer Briggs moved that we have Janitor Scotty check this out and arrange for a new one to be purchased. Dana Hoff seconded. Motion passed.
- Pastor Bob reported that Janitor Scotty is enjoying his new vacuum.
- They are working on organizing a Stewardship Committee.

Board of Parish Education Jennifer Briggs reported:

- Deacon Suzanne is working on a policy for finger printing with the help of the Board of Ed.
- We are using the Sunday school curriculum we have but we will need new in the spring and will go with Whirl Lectionary.

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Opportunities to Help Outside the Walls of Trinity

Donating to the flood efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida -

Contact: disaster@elca.org Phone: 800-638-3522

Write: Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, Virginia 2216-8009. Write "Hurricane Ida" on your check memo line when mailing your donation.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal - through the ELCA Good Gifts Program -

For as little as \$10, one can help the fight on world hunger through this program. For \$10, you can designate your donation for a new blanket, a mosquito net, buy a baby chick, or a seedling for a fruit tree.

Contact: www.goodgifts.elca.org

Order forms and other information are on display in the Narthex.



Join us for Coffee Time on Thursdays, 1:00–3:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who wants to attend. There are a variety of activities for those who wish to partake in them and there will always be coffee. Stop down and see what it's all about!

Lefse Fundraiser

Need some lefse for the holidays? Trinity youth will be taking orders for delivery prior to Thanksgiving. One dozen 10" sheets costs \$20. Proceeds go towards the National Youth Gathering trip to Minneapolis in July 2022. Order forms are available in the narthex. Orders and payment are due Wednesday, November 17. There will be another opportunity to order lefse before Christmas.

Worship at St. Dysmas

Congregation members who wish to attend service at St Dysmas can do so on December 16th. Required forms are available to pick up from Pastor Bob and have to be returned to St Dysmas no later than November 23rd. Must be 18+ to attend. See Pastor Bob for any questions.

Lake County Food Pantry 2021 Christmas Turkey and Angel Tree Projects

Angels are now available for adoption. The Food Pantry's 'Angel Trees' are located at Gary's Bakery, Montgomery's Furniture, and the Madison Public Library. Wrapped gifts should be delivered to the Downtown City Armory (198 Van Eps Ave N., Madison) beginning Saturday December 4th through Wednesday December 8 (except Sunday) from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. The Food Pantry will deliver these gifts, along with food on Saturday December 11, 2021. Donations to support the Food Pantry's 39th annual Christmas gift and food program for deserving families and children are needed and appreciated. Contributions (tax-deductible) can be made through your church (checks to Food Pantry), deposited directly in the Food Pantry's account at First Bank and Trust, or mailed to PO Box 61, Madison, SD 57042. Thank you for your support.

Food Pantry Board of Directors

Membership Information

Is your info. up-to-date?

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your land-line? Did you change your e-mail address? Did you get married? Did you have a baby? Did you get a divorce? Do you wonder why the church has not been connecting with you? Please notify the church office when you have an address change, e-mail change, marital status change, etc. or update the information on your Realm account.

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- Discussed the nursery and right now the room is a Sunday school room. It is good for little ones to learn to sit and know they are loved and accepted and they are able to watch people, the Pastor, sing, and watch what is going on in the church. We will leave it this way for now unless we have requests for the nursery. We may put a kid's corner in the sanctuary. Please express your opinions.
- Deacon Suzanne is happy for the first day of Sunday school and so grateful for our teachers.
- 6th, 7th, 8th Grade confirmation orientation September 22nd at 6:00 P.M.
- Reformation Sunday is October 31st.
- Confirmation Sunday is October 31st at 11:00 A.M.

Board of Deacons Chairman Jim Iverson reported:

- Information on the EICA Good Gifts Program will be made available in the narthex. This is a program to help raise needed funds to fight world hunger.
- The Board of Deacons served at The Gathering on Monday, August 30th at the United Methodist Church. 197 people were served a meal that was catered by Nicky's and sponsored by Trinity. Since the onset of COVID-19, the meals are no longer served in the basement of the church but "drive-up service" is done at the north entrance.
- Contact information was sent to the September & October service groups to help organize the Sunday coffee hour each week.
- Discussed the volunteer help needed in the 2022 Lenten season with the Wednesday night soup suppers which begin on March 2nd, 2022. It was encouraged the youth and confirmation students be involved as needed.
- Pastor Bob asked if the Deacons would be opposed to continuing to serve communion in the combined wafer/grape juice cups. There was no problem with that. (Last month, it was planned to return to communion cups and wafers beginning September 19th).
- Brianna contacted St. Dysmas checking on an opening on their schedule for Trinity members to serve.
- Working on expanding the Trinity Facebook page.
- Will be getting the word to the members on the Lutheran Disaster Response and the ELCA Good Gifts Program.

New Business:

- Discussion was held on Opening and Closing the Church.
- Pastor Bob informed us the north door is set to open at 7:30 A.M. on Sundays.
- This should not be the job of the ushers.
- President Rob will have a discussion with Janitor Scotty.
- They will have Scotty contact Barger's and get a quote of what it would cost to hang the sign board on the north side of the building.
- Church Anniversary Celebration is to be held on November 14th. Jennifer Briggs will organize a committee to plan this event.
- Discussed having a free will offering and donations over and above to will help pay off our loan 100%. Jennifer Briggs made a motion to so move and Bridget Van Liere seconded. Motion passed.
- Staff affirmations will be done on September 29th at 4:00pm, this will include Lisa Gale, Scotty Emerson, and Alex Eykamp. The affirmations will be done by President Rob, Vice President Danny, Parish Ed. Susan Farrell-Poncelet, Deacon Jim Iverson, and Trustee Dana Hoff.
- We need a Bethel delegate and will table this till next month.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jennifer Briggs and seconded by Dana Hoff.

Pastor Bob asked us to pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, The Lord's Prayer.

Lunch was served by Parish Ed. Next meeting will be October 12th. Lunch will be provided by the Officers.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Merager, Council Secretary



Valiant Living Tree

The Valiant Living Tree is in the narthex. Choose an ornament, and please have your gifts returned back by Sun., Dec. 5.

Worship Assistant Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to take care of the various aspects of worship. To volunteer, please contact the church office at 256-2771 or officemanager@tlcmadison.com. You may also use the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Food Offering for the Lake County Food Pantry

Please pick up a decorated paper bag, fill it up with non-perishable food items and return it to the church anytime during November.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wed., Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. Madison United Methodist Church

Community Choir for Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Choir rehearsal for the community Thanksgiving Eve service is at 6:15, Wed., Nov. 24 at the Madison United Methodist Church. The choir will sing an easy anthem with organ and piano accompaniment. Contact director Yvonne Dietterle for more info. at 605-270-0060.

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

September and October Memorials

In Memory of Evelyn Plack Kenneth Janke

In Memory of Chuck Pulford
Jon and Mary Hunter
Myron and Clara Downs
David and Nancy Giere

In Memory of Dalton Berman Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Memory of Bob Schamber
Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Honor of Betty Jensen
Bill and Diane Bruns

In Memory of Don Dragseth
Doug and Joan Merager

In Memory of Della Hoffman Patricia and Orrin Townswick Conrad Hoffman Randall and Carol Franke

Faith In Action Grant Applications

The Foundation Commission is accepting applications for Faith In Action grants of less than \$500. Priority will be given to applications that directly benefit Trinity Lutheran Church. Please contact the church office for grant applications. Grant Applications are due no later than December 1, 2021.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good. Psalm 107:1



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Financial Giving Options

- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Credit cards can be processed in the church office.
- The church website (<u>www.tlcmadison.com</u>) allows for one-time or recurring donations using a checking/ savings account or a credit/debit card.
- The Electronic Giving option through Vanco can also be initialized by filling out an application form in the church office.
- **Note:** The Give+ Mobile App will be supported through January 31, 2022. Stay tuned for more info. on its replacement in the coming months.
- If you should have questions with any of these options or would like to discuss which one is the best option for you, please call Alex at the church office at 256-2771.

Mission of the Month

The November Mission of the Month is Samaritan's Purse.

Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes to Mission of the Month Fund.

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for November is canned vegetables.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Della Hoffman on September 19 Geraldine Persoon on October 4

Baptisms: none Weddings: none

Help Wanted

Trinity Lutheran Church has a job opening for a wedding coordinator. Contact the church office if interested.