

## Deacon's Discourse

Because of Jesus... I took a leap of faith (and brought along someone else for the ride!). No, it's not the first time I have taken a leap of faith, but it happened so quickly and without me analyzing the situation that I'm still a little shocked I did it. It was last fall when I was going through my daily emails and opened up one with the subject line "IF: 2024...more tickets available!" I ran over to the preschool where Alicia Koch was substitute teaching and said something like, "I might be able to get us tickets to IF: 2024. It's in February in Texas. They just opened up more seating. I think God wants us to go."

Alicia and I had been praying and listening and following the Spirit together for the past nine months or so, and we were still in the early stages of both working together in women's ministry and in our friendship. However, three things we knew we had in common were our love of God, our call to women's ministry, and our desire to one day attend an IF Conference to learn from some of the greatest women's ministry speakers. So, that random fall day, we took a leap of faith, not knowing how we were going to make this trip happen, and we purchased those tickets to the IF:2024 Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. And we did it because of Jesus, because we knew we were being called there to prepare for God's work that would take place here at Trinity.

We asked and God graciously and abundantly provided. Alicia and I were blessed to receive a grant from the Trinity Foundation to cover our airfare, transportation, hotel, and tickets to IF:2024 in February. We were covered in prayer by the women in our Monday night Bible Study. Our families blessed us and sent us on our way!

There are not enough words to describe what Alicia and I experienced on this trip. We experienced God in so many ways and places... during conversations with our Uber drivers and people at our hotel (did I mention there was a cattle show and marathon at the same site as our conference?), while we waited in line to get into the conference each day and while we waited to order food (we did a lot of waiting and talking with others), and, of course, through the speakers who shared God's love with us and over 13,000 other

women throughout the conference. We spent over an hour talking with a security guard about his faith journey and how he overcame severe health issues which brought him to Christ. During our "down time" we explored the city and shared with each other what we heard God calling us to at Trinity and as women called to share God's love with others.

Because of Jesus... we had an amazing experience, felt God confirm the work to be done, and we are anxious to share it with others. On Saturday, April 6, Alicia and I will be bringing IF:2024 to Trinity! Unfortunately the live speakers will not be there, but we have purchased access to the on demand videos of the conference. There will be lunch and what we hope to be lively conversation and dreaming. We cannot wait to share this all with the women of Trinity.

I know you have heard me say this already, but the Spirit is up to something, maybe even many some-things, here at Trinity. This story is just one example of taking a leap of faith, gathering in the name of Jesus, and going where the Spirit leads. Where else is the Spirit leading Trinity and who is feeling the nudge or hearing the call? Are you a Trinity female feeling called to attend our local IF:2024, or are you a Trinity male feeling called to attend One Year to Live? Are you wanting to start up a new Bible Study or work with our youth or college community? Because of Jesus... we gather together, we pray, we listen, we share God's love, and we do God's work. Because of Jesus.

Deacon Koren



# Unapproved March Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

President Tom Farrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Steve Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Tom Farrell, Secretary Nancy Sabbe  
Parish Education: Dani Ruhd, Stacy Thomsen, Shelly Balogh  
Deacons: Lucas Muller, Karen Giles, Jean Mitchell, Virginia Lemme  
Trustees: Curtis King, Marie Millage, Walker Ruhd, Darrel Presuhn  
Absent and excused: Patti Weber, Eric Anderson, Alicia Koch, Melody Hansen

Trinity’s mission statement was recited.

Pastor Steve Lindley gave the devotion from *A Way Other Than Our Own* by Walter Brueggemann entitled “God of the Gnats.”

Motion by Virginia Lemme, seconded by Darrell Presuhn, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Virginia Lemme, seconded by Walker Ruhd, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Tom Farrell presented the Financial Report as of the end of February:

Offering	\$54,637.73
Expenses	\$70,875.57
Expenses over Offering	(\$16,237.84)

The I Am In campaign continues to receive contributions. The account currently has a balance of \$1,928. Options for investing this balance were discussed. The consensus is to invest the balance in the I Am In account in a 7-month CD at First Bank and Trust.

It was noted that \$85,000 of the \$100,000 loan that was taken from the parsonage fund to pay off the I Am In loan has been repaid.

President Tom Farrell reported that the Trinity Foundation has transferred a total of \$202,568 from the Edwin Hanneman Endowment to Trinity Lutheran Church. It has been invested as follows;  
\$ 50,000 in a Money Market account  
\$ 52,568 in a 12-month Liquid CD at 4.5%  
\$100,00 in a 7-month CD at 4.95%

Pastor Steve Lindley explained that the budget line 6820.10 Custodian Salary will include subdivisions to accommodate both the Maintenance and the Custodian positions.

Motion by Jean Mitchell, seconded by Deacon Koren Lindley, to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

Pastor Steven Lindley submitted a written report. He noted that this is a busy time and that Holy Week begins in two weeks.

Deacon Koren Lindley submitted a written report. She highlighted the Communion for All Ages program that will be held on March 17 and the Holy Week in an Hour program. She reported that the fundraiser for Kendra Paulson raised over \$10,000.

President Tom Farrell welcomed the new members of the Church Council and expressed confidence that this will be a productive year.

## Board of Trustees—Walker Ruhd reporting

- discussed the Stewards of God’s Love campaign.
- developing a QR code to provide access to Realm, YouTube, etc., for the congregation.
- Walker Ruhd will refinish the baptismal font matching the color of it to the color of the railings.
- Sharol Bargmann has donated approximately \$6,000 toward the Narthex roof repair.
- Fertilizing and maintaining the irrigation system will be handled by Walker Ruhd. The contract with Madison Lawn Care for this service will be cancelled.
- Pastor Steve Lindley reported that he is looking into the donation of a new bowl for the baptismal font.

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Board of Parish Education—Dani Ruhd reporting

- the last session of Sunday School will be May 5 and will include Sundae Sunday.
- more family events are planned.
- May 12 will be Senior Sunday.
- Vacation Bible School is planned for the end of June. A joint program with St. John's Lutheran is being explored.
- Deacon Koren Lindley and Alicia Koch have planned a women's retreat for April 6.

Board of Deacons—Virginia Lemme reporting

- Virginia Lemme and Pastor Steve Lindley have written a service for Good Friday titled "From the Manger to the Cross."
- there will be three services on Easter—7:00 a.m. Sunrise service, 8:45 a.m. traditional worship and 11:00 a.m. Celebration worship.
- jingle change collections totaled \$242.44. The total will be printed in the newsletter.
- soup suppers are well received.
- Karen Giles reported that 7 members received home communion in February.
- Lucas Muller is responsible for publicity. Send items in all formats to him.
- Board of Deacons wants to restart the Care Teams.
- Lucas Muller will assist in building relationships at DSU as a starting point for outreach to the campus.

President Tom Farrell introduced a team building exercise asking members when they gave their lives to Christ.

### BUSINESS

1. A transition plan for when Lisa and Bob Gale leave was discussed. Pastor Steve Lindley noted that some of the Receptionist's duties fall under the responsibilities of the Deacons. Online signup for various volunteer opportunities may be an option. The e-news might be biweekly instead of weekly. Lucas Muller suggested building up the social media channels. The Gales' departure will be announced in the e-news, the newsletter, and the bulletin.
2. The position of vice-president remains vacant. President Tom Farrell asked for a member of the Council to volunteer to serve as an interim vice-

president. Virginia Lemme volunteered. Motion by Tom Farrell to appoint Virginia Lemme to be the interim vice-president. Seconded by Dani Ruhd. Motion carried.

3. Pastor Steve Lindley suggested that Council consider tithing the gift of the Hanneman Endowment. Some possible uses for the tithe might be ELCA World Hunger, the local Welcome Corps, Shepherd's Table in Sioux Falls, return that amount to the Foundation to support missions, or use the funds for benevolence. No action was taken.
4. Motion by Virginia Lemme, seconded by Deacon Koren, to table discussion of the service groups. Motion carried.
5. There have been no additional applications for the custodian's position. The cleaning service is currently cleaning only twice a week. It may be beneficial to increase the hours of the cleaning service. Pastor Steve will work with the service to expand the hours through May. To expand the reach of the help wanted advertising Marie Millage will reach out to Handshake on the campus; Lucas Muller will create an Indeed account and advertise the position; Pastor Steve Lindley will create a paid Facebook post to promote the custodial opening.
6. President Tom Farrell asked for feedback on the change of the meeting format. There were no negative comments. The revised format will continue in April.

Motion to adjourn by Jean Mitchell. Seconded by Virginia Lemme.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Sabbe, secretary

## Come to Church this Sunday

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays  Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday	01 <i>Easter Monday</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Preschool</li> <li>Office Closed</li> <li>7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Women's Book Study : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	02  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> </ul>
07  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms</li> <li>11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	08  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Women's Book Study : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	09  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>10:30AM–5:00PM Organ Tuning : Sanctuary</li> <li>12:00PM–1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom</li> <li>1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> <li>7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
14  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jingle Change</li> <li>8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms</li> <li>11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> <li>6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	15  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM–8:00PM Women's Book Study : Fireside Room ; Scouts Meeting : Youth Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	16  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> <li>7:00PM–8:00PM Martha/Naomi Circle : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
21  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms</li> <li>11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	22  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM–8:00PM Scouts Meeting : Youth Room ; Women's Book Study : Fireside Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	23  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> </ul>
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# 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 6:30PM–7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fire-side Room</li> <li>• 6:30PM–7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	<p>04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 6:30PM–7:30PM Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room ; Webelo &amp; Bear Den Meetings : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	<p>05</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p>06</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00AM–3:00PM IF:Local Women's Gathering : Fellowship Hall, Kitchen</li> </ul>
<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 6:30PM–7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room</li> </ul>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 6:30PM–7:30PM Webelo &amp; Bear Den Meetings : Fellowship Hall ; Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room</li> </ul>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
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## Music Ministry Contacts

Sunday School Choir (Grades 1–5)  
Stacey Riedel 605-270-1233

Cherub Choir Ages (Preschool & Kindergarten)  
Tami Christiansen 605-480-0727

Epiphany Bell Choir (high school & adults)  
Diane Plack 605-270-0691

Chancel Choir (Grades 5–8)  
Tami Christiansen 605-480-0727  
Jennifer Briggs 605-480-1870

Adult Choir  
Diane Plack 605-270-0691

Deacon for Worship & Music/Celebration Team  
Virginia Lemme 605-270-1845

## 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.



### Financial Response as of 2/29/2024

The year-to-date statistics are:

Your General Fund Offering	\$ 54,637.73
Expenses	<u>\$ 70,875.57</u>
Expenses over Offering	<b>(\$ 16,237.84)</b>

## 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 605-256-2771 or officemanager@tlcmadison.com. You may also use the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Thank you.

		MUSIC REMINDERS
March 6-	6:30 pm Cherub choir (Midweek Worship)	
March 10-	11 am. Cherub choir	
March 24-	11 am. SS 1-5 (Palm Sunday)	
March 29-	6:30 pm Both Cherub and SS 1-5 (Good Fri Worship)	
April 21-	845 am. Cherub choir	
April 28-	845 am SS 1-5	
Cherub= Pre1, Pre2, Kindergarten Classes		
SS 1-5= 1st-5th Grade Classes		

## Summer Camp Scholarships Available

\$200 per student

Contact Deacon Koren for scholarship information.

LOSD registration is happening now!

Check out camp schedules and information, including another scholarship option from LOSD at <https://www.losd.org/>

## Notice of April and May Worship Schedule Change

Saturday evening worship in April has been moved from the 6th to the 13th. The Communion weekend has also been moved from the 1st weekend to the 2nd weekend in April.

Saturday evening worship in May has been moved from the 4th to the 11th. The Communion weekend has also been moved from the 1st weekend to the 2nd weekend in May.

## Resignation Notice

The Trinity Church Council would like to inform you that Lisa Gale has resigned her position as Office Assistant at Trinity Lutheran Church, effective March 28th. The council does not have any immediate plans to fill this position. We will be evaluating the current ministry needs of Trinity, and discerning how best to move forward. We are grateful for Lisa's years of service to our faith community and for all of the wonderful ministry of which she has been a part.



Come to NeSoDak and take a minute to unwind and dive deeper into your relationship with God. There will be good food, good company, easy conversation, and no house chores! We will have guest Deacon Koren Lindley guiding us through this retreat as we Find Joy in the Ordinary.

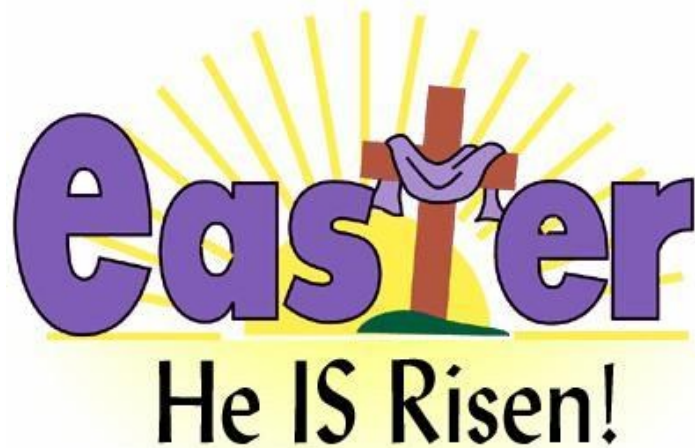
This is a time to refocus and pull together some tricks to keep your focus. We will use a prayer labyrinth, guided activities, and a chance to just be. It will surely be a good time for all by the cozy fire before the routines switch again for late spring and summer.

Interested? Sign up at this link:

<https://www.losd.org/womensretreat>

### Medary Conference WELCA Spring Gathering

Medary Conference WELCA Spring Gathering is on Saturday, April 6 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Flandreau from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. The theme is Community—Where Friends Gather.



## NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials  
March 15, 2024

### In Memory of Jesse Bruns

Elaine Struwe  
Mike and Connie Bickett  
Dan and Sharon Carlson  
Bill and Diane Bruns  
Gary and Karen Kratochvil

### In Memory of Alta Goodman

Marv and Sandy Rhode



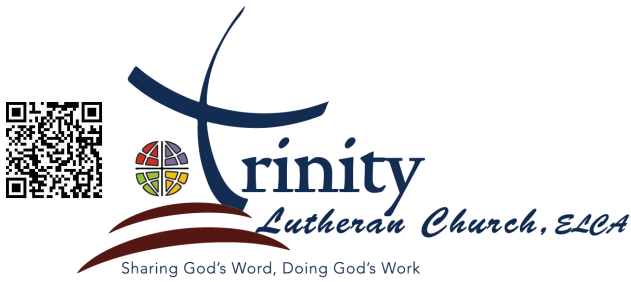
Thank you to Tom & Joyce Farrell, Roger Moose, Karen Giles, and Bobbi & Ron Janke for delivering home communion in March.

## Bethel Lutheran Home Annual Dinner

Bethel Lutheran Home's Annual Dinner is Thursday, April 25. Doors at the Dakota Prairie Playhouse open at 5:30 with the start of the dessert auction followed by dinner and a brief program. Tickets are \$50/each, \$400/table of 8. Order online at [bethelcommunity.com/events](http://bethelcommunity.com/events) or call the Foundation at 605.427.2195.

If you are unable to attend you can still support Bethel through a gift using the online option or sending a donation to BLH Foundation, 1001 S Egan Ave, Madison, SD 57042. Proceeds from this fundraising event go to directly benefit the people of the Bethel community through the purchase of specialized equipment, facility upgrades and other items of need. Contact us for more information or if you would like to donate a dessert for the auction.

Bethel has been serving this area since 1962 and we continue to appreciate the support shown by our partner churches, our families, and our friends!



203 N. Harth Ave.  
Madison, SD 57042

**Return Service Requested**

## Financial Giving Options

- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Credit cards can be processed in the church office.
- The church website ([www.tlcmadison.com](http://www.tlcmadison.com)) 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.
- 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 605-256-2771.

### Mission of the Month

*Jean Mitchell, Deacon of Mission Momentum*

Our February Mission of the Month (Madison Area Ministerial Assistance Fund) got offerings of \$230.00 and Jingle Change of \$242.44 for a total of \$472.44. Congratulations, Trinity! Keep up the good work.

March's Mission of the Month was the Trinity Caring Fund.

The April Mission of the Month is Church on the Street, Sioux Falls, which is a ministry with the un-housed led by Rev. Chris Matson, holding services where the people are – city parks, laundromats, or at the Multi-Cultural Center.

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

### Congregational Information

**Deaths:** LeRue Olesen on March 18

**Baptisms:** none

**Weddings:** none

### Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Steve or the church office.

### Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for April is canned fruit. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.