

From the Pastor's Pen

“Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make his deeds known to all people!
Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord;
dwell on all his wondrous works!”
- Psalm 105:1–2 -



Dear Trinity Family,

Throughout the scriptures, we read that the early followers of Jesus were a story-telling people. They would regularly tell others about their encounters with Jesus, what these experiences meant to them, and how their lives were changed. Then, they would invite others to “Come and see.” ... a refrain we hear throughout the Gospel of John. The amazing news of transformation and abundant life experienced in relationship with Jesus was spread through these stories.

Sometimes we're not great at telling the story of what God is up to in our lives and in our community of faith. We regularly miss opportunities to share the awesome things the Spirit is doing here at Trinity. Our stewardship team was discussing this a few weeks ago, and we wondered how we might improve this aspect of our life together. One of the ideas that came out of this conversation was to begin regularly devoting time in worship to sharing these stories.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, in worship we'll be having a “Mission Moment.” We'll be hearing from various Trinity mission partners about the “wondrous works” of God in our midst. We'll hear stories of things to celebrate, lives that are being impacted, and ways to get involved. On March 22nd, we had our first “Mission Moment” from Deacon Koren, as she shared with us about the exciting work she is doing with a group called “Faith Forward” and the fun activities happening at our “Holy Week in an Hour” event on March 29th.

Future mission moments will include stories from each of our boards, from various committees, and from other leaders in the congregation. AND we would love to hear from you, as well! What stories do you have to share? Where are you seeing the movement of the Spirit? Let us know what you are witnessing.

God's Peace.

Pastor Steve

Unapproved March Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
7:00 pm

Voting members present: Pastor Steven Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Virginia Lemme, Vice-president Jeremiah Schneider, Past president Kurt Christiansen, Treasurer Dick Ellis, Karen Giles-Board of Deacons, Darrel Presuhn-Board of Trustees, Sherri Dubbelde-Board of Faith Formation

Voting members absent: Secretary Nancy Sabbe

Non-voting members present: Tami Christiansen (sub for Secretary)

President Virginia Lemme called the meeting to order.

Darrel Presuhn gave the devotion from Ephesians 4:1–13 where the apostle Paul tells us how Christians should live and grow together to maintain unity and become more like Christ.

Pastor Lindley led the opening prayer.

Motion by Treasurer Dick Ellis, seconded by Past president Kurt Christiansen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel Presuhn, seconded by Vice-president Jeremiah Schneider to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026, Council meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Dick Ellis gave the financial report. Motion to acknowledge the financial report by Vice-president Jeremiah Schneider, seconded by Darrel Presuhn. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Steven Lindley reported:

- The April Saturday service will be moved to the second Saturday of the month due to Easter falling on the first weekend.
- Discussion on Saturday services.
- It is great to have worship assistants and thanked President Virginia Lemme and the committee for their efforts.
- No high school group during Lent, but Deacon

Koren Lindley is having a Bible study.

- Will have visitations April 20–26th, 2026 and need to fill pastoral role for that week.

Deacon Koren Lindley submitted a written report and gave a report for the Board of Faith Formation.

- No Sunday School on March 22nd, March 29th, or April 5th.
- Sunday March 29th will be Holy Week in an Hour event between services, and everyone is encouraged to attend. No cost involved as funded by a grant left over from last year.
- Wednesday, April 29th will be the Confirmation Spiritual Practices Fair from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Last day of Sunday School will be May 3rd with Sundae Sunday again.
- Confirmation will resume April 8th.
- Madison High School Baccalaureate asked for a donation and the Board of Faith Formation voted to donate \$150.
- The Board of Faith Formation voted to designate the funds from Bingo Bash to vacation bible school.

President Virginia Lemme reported:

- Rob Thuringer headed the first stewardship meeting of the year about time, talent, and giving
- Board Members are to remember to use the report in their binder to prepare for annual meeting and to pass on to the next members.
- Kevin Streff will handle the website updates and report to the Deacon of Mission and Evangelism once we find someone to replace him in this role.
- Met with Jeff Meadows who is working on the QR code for the bulletins as another way for congregation members to give offering. QR code can be set up for recurring or one-time giving.
- The Bethel Foundation is putting on the Bethel Gala, April 16th at the DSU Fieldhouse. Discussion was had on sponsoring a table. (A vote was taken via email on March 15, 2026) Motion by Jeremiah Schneider, seconded by Dick Ellis to purchase one table at the Bethel Gala on April 16th, 2026 for \$400; and if needed to purchase a second table. Motion carried.

Vice-president Jeremiah Schneider submitted a written report:

- The foundation had a meeting where the Hazel Johnson distribution policy was discussed.

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- The foundation authorized the following distributions:
 \$712 from the Rasmussen Organ Maintenance Fund
 \$3700 from the Cornerstone Endowed Fund
 \$1934 from the Seminary Scholarship Fund
 \$1200 from the Hazel Johnson Fund for Missionary support/Mark Jensen
- The foundation will start educating the congregation on what they do this fall.
- Rob talked to handyman services but they would not be available for 2–3 months.

TEAM BUILDING

The group was divided into four groups and asked to come up with a 60 second, 30 second, and 15 second verbal invitation to someone for something at the church.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Policy Review Committee

It was discussed that we are in need of a Policy Review Committee as many policies are old and do not apply to current staff and where we are at. Proposed each person take one policy, review it, and report back to the committee. Currently Virginia Lemme, Pastor Steve Lindley, Danny Brown, and Jon Hunter are serving on the committee but the committee is open to anyone else interested in joining the group. Sherri noted interest.

2. Memorials to the Music Fund

It was discussed that clarification needs to be made with what the memorials to the music fund would go to. It was noted that the fund could be used for instrument repair, music, and equipment.

3. Scheduling Board Meetings

It was advised to schedule individual board meetings at a time when ministers and/or officers could plan to be there.

4. Flooring Project

The proposals for Specialized Flooring and Kolorworks were discussed with the pros and cons of each. Past president Kurt Christiansen made a motion to proceed with the bid from Kolorworks for the squares for the offices and laminate for the hallways. We would wait on the youth room at this time, but try to secure May or June for the main project. Motion seconded by Dick Ellis. Motion carried.

Next Council meeting will be April 14th. The Trustees are scheduled for open and closing of the church in April, and the Deacons are scheduled in May.

Past president Kurt Christiansen motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Darrel Presuhn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
 Tami Christiansen

Board of Deacons-Karen Giles reported:

- One service for the summer beginning on Memorial Day weekend and ending after Labor Day weekend.
- We will have an Easter Sunrise service.
- There will be coffee hour on Easter Sunday between the 8:45 service and the 11:00 service.
- Discussion on Trinity hosting a community Thanksgiving service this year. Will have to coordinate with the Hanging of the Greens decorating committee.
- It was asked if Trinity would like to rotate to provide summer services at the State Park. It was noted that would be very time and labor intensive and would not be recommended at this time.
- The transition for Tonia Meadows to Life & Growth has gone well. Soup suppers are going well. April coffee letters have been sent out.
- Pastor Lindley will be gone June 21st. It is a communion Sunday, and Karen is working on finding a sub.
- The schedule and contact list for Jingle change will be submitted to Deacon Koren and the office.
- The Deacons voted that the offering from the Soup Supper will go to the Flooring project.
- Jingle change for January was \$206.94 for the Angel Fund-Madison School
- Jingle change for February was \$211.13 for Lutherans Outdoors
- Jingle change for March was \$159.08 for Church on the Street.
- It was discussed that the live stream taping schedule needs to be addressed as we are paying for it.

Board of Trustees-Darrel Presuhn reported:

- Joel Brick is working on a quote for security cameras, but he also has other ideas.
- Dave is looking into insurance.
- May have a contact for the stained glass repair and may be easier than expected.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday</p>		
<p>05 <i>Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00AM–8:00AM Sunrise Worship : Sanctuary • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 9:45AM–10:45AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • No Sunday School • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>06 <i>Easter Monday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Closed • No Preschool 	<p>07</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Scouts Committee Meeting : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM Stewardship Committee : Fellowship Hall
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jingle Change • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 9:45AM–10:45AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 12:00PM–1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–6:45PM Board of Deacons Meeting : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 9:45AM–10:45AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship w/Milton Poppens Baptism : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 11:30AM–5:00PM Organ Tuning : Sanctuary • 1:30PM–2:30PM Volunteer Committee Meeting : Fireside Room
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 9:45AM–10:45AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall

2026

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>01</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30PM–6:00PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 6:30PM–7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room 	<p>02 <i>Maundy Thursday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Maundy Thursday Worship : Sanctuary 	<p>03 <i>Good Friday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Preschool • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study • 6:30PM–7:30PM Good Friday Worship : Sanctuary 	<p>04</p>
<p>08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–1:00PM DSU Tabling : Off Site • 5:30PM–6:15PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room ; Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM HS Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>09</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Arrow of Light & Webelo Den Meetings : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:15PM Lions & Tigers Den Meetings : Youth Room 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30PM–6:15PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room ; Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • No HS Youth Group 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Arrow of Light & Webelo Den Meetings : Fellowship Hall 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00AM–10:30AM Covenant Choir Party : Fireside Room
<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 10:00AM–1:00PM DSU Tabling : Off Site • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:15PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary ; Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM HS Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 10:30AM–11:00AM Preschool TR A.M. Spring Program : Sanctuary • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 3:00PM–3:30PM Preschool TR P.M. Spring Program : Sanctuary • 6:00PM–7:30PM Scouts Pack 5 Meeting--Advancement : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:15PM Lions & Tigers Den Meetings : Youth Room 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30PM–6:15PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room ; Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM Confirmation Spiritual Practices Fair : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM HS Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Arrow of Light & Webelo Den Meetings : Fellowship Hall 		

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 2, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Worship

April 3, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Worship in April will be on the 11th.

EASTER WORSHIP AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 5, 2026
Sunrise Worship @ 7 am

Easter Worship @ 8:45 am & 11 am
Fellowship @10 am

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. JOHN 3:16

Usher Training

The next usher training will be after Easter. The date will be announced plenty ahead of time so you can make plans to attend.



Collect Your Cookers

Remember to check the kitchen for your slow cookers or containers that were brought to church for the Lenten soup suppers.

Calling All Trinity 2026 High School Graduates

We need your information! Senior Sunday is May 10, and we are celebrating you! Contact Deacon Koren to be sure your senior is included.

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WELCA Spring Gathering

Please join the Women of the ELCA Medary Conference for a fun day at First Lutheran Church, Brookings on Saturday, April 11th from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The theme is “I Am Worthy.” The cost is \$13 and includes lunch. Bring a car load. It’s always an inspirational event.



Financial Response as of 2/28/2026

Offering is \$15,012.26 below the mission plan. The year-to-date statistics are:

General Offering (YTD)	\$46,654.40
Total Expenses (YTD)	\$65,344.14

Thank you for your generous support of Trinity’s mission!

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials

In Memory of Barb Feige
Clara Downs
Terry and Marcy Petterson

In Memory of Gwen Olesen
Clara Downs

Bethel Gala

Bethel Lutheran Home’s annual gala is at 5:30 p.m. on 4/16 at Dakota Prairie Playhouse. In support of this fundraiser, Trinity has reserved a table (8 seats) at the dinner. This table is open to any Trinity mission partners who would like to attend the gala at no cost. Also, if we have enough interest to fill more than one table, we will reserve a second table. If you are interested, please contact the office by 4/7.

You are invited to

THE 2026 CONFIRMATION SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FAIR

Come and see what spiritual practices the confirmation students have been learning this year!
During Lent, each student chose one practice to focus on, and they would love to share their learnings with you!

Wed, April 29th from 5:30–6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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.

Join us for

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Bethel Lutheran Home
Annual Dinner
April 16, 2026
Dakota Prairie Playhouse

Doors open at 5:30
Dessert dash
Pay It Forward Silent Auction

All proceeds directly benefit Bethel Lutheran Home residents

Tickets/\$50—Table of 8/\$400
Reserve online at www.bethelcommunity.com/events
Or call 605.427.2195



The Covenant Choir visited Kurt and Jill Merager’s farm on March 14th to see their lambs. Owen and his dad answered all the kids’ questions!



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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) allows for one-time or recurring donations using a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card. If you would like to give online, please use this code.
- 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

The April Mission of the Month is Fellowship of Christian Athletes, an international non-profit, interdenominational sports ministry founded in 1954 that engages, equips, and empowers coaches and athletes to unite, inspire, and change the world through the gospel. Operating in schools and communities, it uses “Huddles,” camps, and Bible studies to promote Christian values. *Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes/checks to Mission of the Month Fund. The Jingle Change collection on April 12 also supports the Mission of the Month.*

Congregational Information

Deaths: Gwendolyn Olesen on February 20

Odean Dickerson on March 1

Michael Halseth on March 22

Donna Haug on March 26

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Food Pantry

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

Pastoral Care

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

SEE YOU IN CHURCH