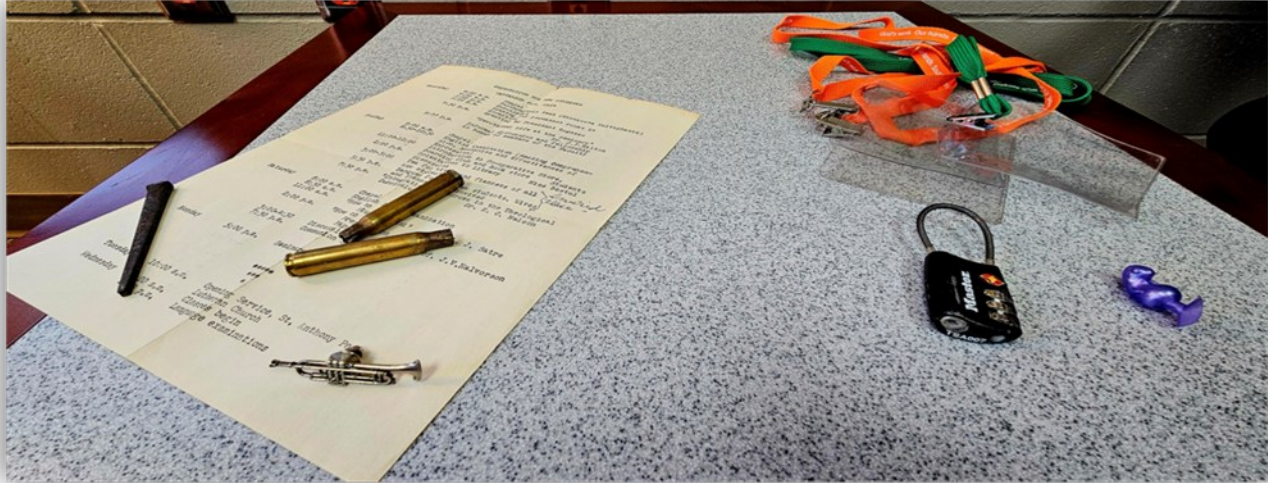


From the Pastor's Pen



“Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!”

- Matthew 6:22-23 -

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With Trinity's flooring project coming up next week, the office staff has been working on cleaning out our spaces. My family and I have done a lot of packing and moving over the past fifteen years, or so, so this is a very familiar process for me. In my office, I started by boxing up books. This is pretty straight-forward and went fairly smoothly, although I did learn that the square boxes I was using are not the best for books, because you end up with an open space in the middle. After getting my bookshelves emptied, I moved to the drawers in my stereo cabinet. This is where things got a little complicated.

Whenever you are packing, inevitably, you will get to that place where you have stored up all sorts of odds-and-ends from different seasons of life. It holds various items that you have held onto for years, maybe even decades; things you haven't seen in years, things you forgot you even had. This can even happen with items we have out in the open - resting in a corner, sitting on a shelf, lying on a desk. After a while, our brain sort of just skips over these things, and we hardly even know they are there anymore.

Some of the things I found in my cabinet drawers are actually useful for me to still keep around. They

stirred up powerful emotions and deep meaning for me - a tie-tack from an old band teacher who believed in me; a Luther Seminary orientation schedule for my Grandpa Borgen; shell casings from military honors at my Grandpa AC's funeral. These items remind me of where I have come from. They help me to remember the people and places and experiences that shaped me into the person I have become. And some of these items are simply junk - a handful of lanyard tag holders from different conferences I have attended and an old luggage lock that airport security cut off of my suitcase on a trip years ago. These things just take up space. They clutter my environment.

Similarly, this is also why we need to regularly, mindfully look inside of ourselves. There are things we carry in our hearts, minds, and souls that are not helpful or useful. They may even be harmful ... detrimental to our growth, health, and well-being. We hold onto past mistakes we have made. We cling to the ways we have been hurt by others. We preserve unhealthy thought-patterns and habits. Often, these things hide beneath the surface, shaping how we

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Unapproved May Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Voting members present: Pastor Steven Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Virginia Lemme, Past president Kurt Christiansen, Treasurer Dick Ellis, Secretary Nancy Sabbe, Darrel Presuhn—Board of Trustees, Karen Giles—Board of Deacons, Sherri Dubbelde, designee—Board of Faith Formation

Voting members absent: Vice-president Jeremiah Schneider, Alicia Entringer—Board of Faith Formation

President Virginia Lemme called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and led the Council in reciting the mission statement.

Treasurer Dick Ellis gave the devotion from Genesis 8 which states that Noah and his family were to start anew. They were the second “first family” commanded to be fruitful and multiply. The hope and the promise of life abundant had not been washed away in the flood.

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

Motion by Deacon Koren Lindley, seconded by Treasurer Dick Ellis, to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2026, meeting as printed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Dick Ellis reported that the general offering through April is approximately \$13,000 behind what was projected in the mission statement. He has been notified that Boy Scout Troop 255 from St. John Lutheran is disbanding, and their assets have been transferred to Troop 5 at Trinity. Motion by Deacon Koren Lindley, seconded by Darrel Presuhn, to acknowledge the Financial Report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Steven Lindley submitted a written report.

- He encouraged Council members to pick up footprints and record ways that they are generous on the Journey to Generosity.

- Office Manager, Alex Eykamp, will be working from the Fireside Room while the floor coverings in the office and hallway are replaced.

Deacon Koren Lindley reported

- The school year activities—Sunday School, confirmation classes, high school youth group—are wrapping up.
- Looking ahead, plans are being made for Vacation Bible School and Miracle Treat Day. We are partnering with St. John Lutheran and the Methodist Church for Miracle Treat Day.
- Plans for a potluck following the 11:00 a.m. service on Rally Sunday, September 13, are progressing.

President Virginia Lemme reported

- She attended the Bethel Home Gala. Trinity was well-represented at the event.

Board of Trustees—Darrel Presuhn reported

- The Window Shop has been notified about the broken window in the Sacristy and will be sending someone out. They will also check the window near the ADA door which has a leaky seal and moisture is collecting between the panes. The stained glass window in the sanctuary will be repaired when the weather permits.
- Bruna Electric has been called about replacing lights in the sanctuary.
- Marsh McLennan Agency has shown interest in insuring Trinity. The Trustees have a questionnaire that must be completed. They will meet on May 28 to complete the form.
- They have been unable to find anyone to repair the stairway in the southwest corner of the building. They are considering other options. They will get a bid to replace the outside door.
- The roof on the west side of the education wing has been repaired. The total cost for the repairs is \$3,984.12.
- They have prepared a list of people to ask for help to move furniture out of the offices on the afternoon of May 31.

Board of Deacons—Karen Giles reported

- A new videographer is being trained.
- Jingle change for May totaled \$223.49.

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- Pastor Steven Lindley will be gone Sunday, July 19. Deacon Koren Lindley will lead the service. Communion will be moved to July 26.
- Choir schedules and cantors have been arranged for May.
- Brunicks are the new leaders for the "Patience" serving group.

TEAM BUILDING

Council members were asked to recall the goals they adopted at the Council retreat, consider whether or not progress had been made, and discuss how to continue toward their goals.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The work on the roof of the Education Wing is complete.
2. Walker Ruhd will be responsible for mowing this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. For the past two years, God's Work, Our Hands has been held at the Bethel Home. The new administrator, Kathy Holland, is preparing a wish list of projects that need attention. Motion by Past president Kurt Christiansen, seconded by Deacon Koren Lindley, to schedule God's Work, Our Hands for Sunday, September 20, 2026, at the Bethel Home. Motion carried. Communion will be moved to September 27.
2. Saturday, October 10, 2026, will be the date for the fall clean-up.
3. The Council reviewed the proposed home page for the new website. They were generally impressed and offered a few suggestions such as using a larger logo and including Madison, SD; making the access to links more easily seen; possibly adding faith-related content such as a daily devotion.
4. Trinity Preschool will be asking parents for an additional \$15.00 at the beginning of the school year to cover field trip expenses. They are requesting a separate line item in the Preschool budget for field trips. Motion by Deacon Koren Lindley, seconded by Darrel Presuhn, to add a line item for Field Trips to the Preschool budget. Following some discussion, Treasurer Dick Ellis made a motion to amend the motion to read that line 7085 Field Trips be added to the Preschool budget. Motion

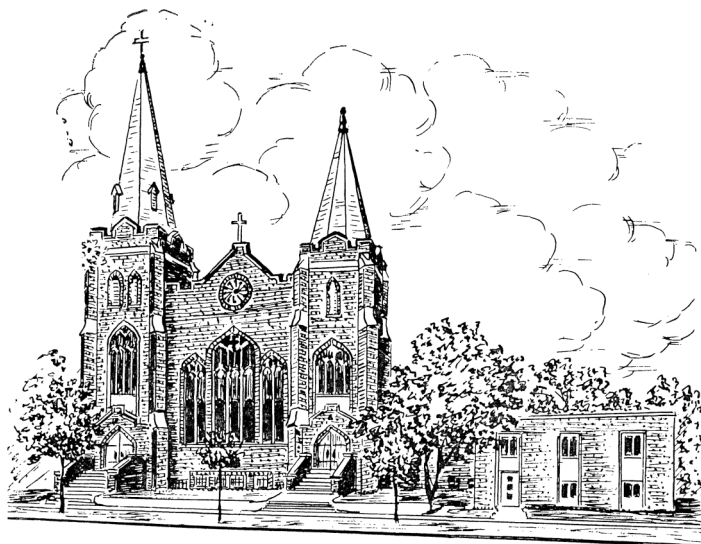
seconded by Past president Kurt Christiansen. The initial motion carried. The amendment to the motion carried. The motion as amended carried.

5. Motion by Past President Kurt Christiansen, seconded by Darrel Presuhn, to accept Joel Brick's proposal for the purchase and installation of security cameras at a cost of \$800 for the equipment. Motion carried.
6. Carpet squares in two of the downstairs classrooms got wet and need to be replaced. Darrel Presuhn will get a bid for the squares and installation.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer given by Pastor Steven Lindley.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sabbe, secretary

Serve the
LORD
with
GLADNESS



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday	01	02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Conference Room • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall
07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	08	09 <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 • 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jingle Change • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00PM–7:00PM Trinity Serves The Gathering : Off Site 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall
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2026

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00AM–9:00AM Trustees Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall 	<p>05</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>06</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>10</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Foundation Commission Meeting : Conference Room 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>13</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall 	<p>19 <i>Juneteenth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Closed • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>20</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>27</p>

Pastor's Article

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move through the world and interact with others. They weigh us down and keep us from fully being the people God intends for us to be.

However, through self-reflection, prayer, and contemplation, the Spirit can help us recognize and let go of these harmful things we carry around with us. We can learn to release them and be liberated from the burden they place on us. I think now is a good time for each of us to do some spring cleaning within ourselves ... to make space to be healed and set free. If this sounds appealing to you, but you are afraid or don't know where to start, we would love to walk alongside you, just reach out to Deacon Koren or myself.

God's Peace.

Pastor Steve



Summer Worship Schedule

May 24–September 6
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.



Financial Response as of 4/30/2026

Offering is \$12,882.87 below the mission plan.

The year-to-date statistics are:

General Offering (YTD)	\$110,450.45
Total Expenses (YTD)	\$127,775.19

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



2026 Vacation Bible School

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR TRINITY'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! This year our theme is "Passing on the Light: Stories of Faith We Share!"

We are looking for participants (Age 3 & potty trained through those who are finishing 2nd grade)

Use this link to register as a participant: <https://forms.gle/Pb1Xvw8MbzcUrrJ6>

We are also looking for volunteers (see volunteer link for details and to sign up)

Use this link to register as a volunteer: <https://forms.gle/q7b2VL8HhQVu4QcQ8>

Deadline to register is June 30th!

Collect Your Cookers

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

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials

In Memory of Mike Halseth
Doug and Joan Merager

In Memory of Jim Hanson
Gene and Marilyn Hexom
Diane and Myron Plack
Krystal Draper
Kay Johnson
Steve Rice

In Memory of Eleanor Morse
Doug and Joan Merager

In Memory of Donna Haug
Sally Olson



Join us on our Journey to Generosity!

This summer, as a faith community, we are being intentional and mindful of the ways we are already being generous with the gifts God has given us – the great works God is doing through us. You are invited to stop by our Journey to Generosity display in the narthex and take a blank footprint or two with you. When you notice yourself or someone in your family being generous, write it down, bring it back to Trinity, and we will add it to our path of generous footprints. You are encouraged to take these along with you when you go camping, to ballgames, or on vacation. Have fun!



Thank you to Ron & Roberta Janke, Karen Giles, Jennifer Briggs and Joyce Farrell for serving Home Communion in May.

The Gathering

Trinity serves The Gathering meal on Mon., Jun. 15. Contact Karen Giles if you would like to help at 605-270-2100.

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.

Office Moving

During the week of Jun. 1–5, the office will be in the library while new flooring is installed. Reach out to Dcn. Koren at 402-840-8189 or Pr. Steve at 402-840-8163 to connect with them, as they will be in various locations.

Come to Church this Sunday



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) 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 June Mission of the Month is ELCA World Hunger. As Christians we are called to respond to the needs of 820 million people, 11% of the world's population, who are hungry. Serves in more than 60 countries, including the United States. *Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes/checks to Mission of the Month Fund. The Jingle Change collection on June 14 also supports the Mission of the Month.*

Congregational Information

Deaths: Phyllis Thompson on May 9

Baptisms: Bentley Drause on May 2
Baker Anderson on May 10

Weddings: none

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for June is toilet paper. 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