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GRACE, *mercy* and
PEACE from *God* the Father
and from
Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
will be with us in
truth and love.

2 John 1:3, NIV



First Communion Classes

For children in 4th/5th grade

and for younger children who
are "Faith Ready" in the eyes
of the adults who love them
are being planned.

Watch for more information
through Realm, in worship,
or contact

Pastor Susan Haukaas

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I Am a Lutheran Leader



Now that Vicar Andrew is here (and we've learned that Vicar is his title, not his first name) it might be helpful to talk about some church titles. What is a Vicar? What are some of the other church titles? Doing God's

work in the world calls for leaders who bring a variety of training, skills, interests and life experiences to the work they do in congregations, communities and partner organizations. These are the Lutheran Leaders in your neighborhood!

Vicar - The term vicar is much more common in the Episcopal or Catholic Churches. Vicars often serve when a priest isn't available, as a sort of deputy. The word "vicar" comes from the Latin word for vicarious. The idea is that a vicar is one who works under the authority of another or as a substitute.

In the Lutheran church we use Vicar as a title for those serving their Internship. Those who are earning a Masters of Divinity (the four year degree pastors have) spend a year learning the work of a pastor, usually in a congregational setting. The title Vicar is a nod to the work they have already done towards ordination. A Vicar works with a supervising pastor and so they borrow their authority from their supervisor.

Synod Lay Minister - A person who serves a congregation or congregations but has not been ordained (as pastors or deacons have). Synod Lay Ministers have been through a process of discernment, application, and education (provided by the Synod and the Seminaries). They are equipped to lead and serve in a congregation. Synod Lay Ministers can serve in their local congregation in partnership with other Rostered Ministers or in the absence of a called Rostered Minister. They can also offer their gifts to a nearby ministry for pulpit supply, to lead a Bible study, or to help meet needs during a transition. Synod Lay Ministers who feel called to preach can be listed on the Eastern North Dakota Synod Pulpit Supply List.

Synod Authorized Minister (SAM): When a congregation is without a Minister of Word and Sacrament (pastor) and the Bishop authorizes someone to preside at Holy Communion for specific times and locations. This is often a Synod Lay Minister who has met the additional requirements to serve in synod authorized ministry.

Local Lay Preacher / Worship Leader - Someone serving their congregation as an occasional preacher or worship leader. This is a less formal role than a Synod Lay Minister. Lay preachers work with local pastors to prepare sermons. Worship leaders learn the mechanics of worship so they can lead worship when needed.

Rostered Minister - Rostered ministers carry out the work and mission of this church, sharing God's love with the world through the good news of Jesus Christ. The different types of rostered ministers in the ELCA include: Ministers of Word and Sacrament, and Ministers of Word and Service.

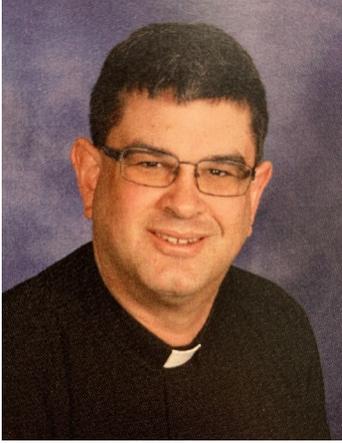
Minister of Word and Sacrament (Ordained Pastors) - Pastors serve the church and offer the hope of the sacraments and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in congregations and other ministry settings. Some pastors are called to specialized ministries such as chaplaincy and campus ministry.

Minister of Word and Service (Ordained Deacons) - Deacons serve in congregations and other ministries, including family ministries, youth, administration, volunteer ministry, social services, music or parish nursing. Deacons connect the church with the needs of the world and work to equip others to lead a living, active and caring Christian life.

All of these leaders felt called to leadership within the church and we could not do ministry without them. Do you have a sense that God may be calling you to serve the church? Talk to any of these leaders! We welcome the opportunity to help you with your discernment, and explore what opportunities are available to you for preparation and serving in a leadership role.

Blessings, Pastor Susan Haukaas

Preparing for Lent



If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (ELW, Confession p. 239)

Many, if not most, worship services offer a chance for us to confess our sins. Whether it is at the beginning of the service or near the middle we have the chance to speak words that are difficult for all of us to face: we have sinned. We speak these words to God in our confession and we trust in God's mercy to offer forgiveness.

At the heart of February this year, Ash Wednesday arrives and signals the beginning of Lent. More than any other day of our church year, Ash Wednesday marks the time when we come face to face with our own humanity. Through the symbol of ash we are marked as created beings. "Remember you are dust..." and we are reminded

of our frailty "...and to dust you will return." As we enter a time of turning back to God, I encourage you to spend some time in reflection and preparation for Lent. The following self-examination questions may help you.

LENTEN SELF-EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

Does My manner of life truly reflect what I say I believe?

Am I allowing time for God and also for myself not only during Lent but also throughout the year?

Am I loving the people I am supposed to be loving? Am I showing them this love on a regular basis?

Am I walking gently on the earth? Am I making efforts to live simply and less wastefully?

Where is my life out of balance? What do I need to do to get it back in balance again?

Is my life consistent? Are what I believe, what I do, even how I vote and how I give my money, consistent with the Gospel teachings of Jesus?

Will this Lent make any difference? Will my life after this Lent be any different from how it is now? How?

Am I listening to God?

Week in and week out, we come to the place where we confess our sin and hear words of forgiveness. As we enter the 40 days of Lent this year we are invited to turn back to God. We believe that God forgives us when we turn to God. This promise is sure.

But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (ELW, Confession).

In Christ, Pastor Erik Weber

Christians in Action

In January, Vicar Andrew Stephens arrived to begin a year of learning and serving in our communities. His schedule for the first three months will typically include:

Preaching or Leading Worship

at Montpelier and Emmanuel, Gackle on the first and second Sundays of the month
at Trinity on the third and fourth Sundays of the month

Serving and learning

with the people of Emmanuel on Wednesdays and Fridays
with the people of Montpelier on Thursday mornings
with the people of Trinity on Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons

Monday will usually be a day of rest and renewal

But what will Vicar Andrew actually be doing?

During the first month, he will focus on learning how worship is similar and different in the three congregations where he primarily serves.

He will also focus on meeting people and hearing your stories.

Please help Vicar Andrew get to know you and more about your community.

Lent will come quickly, so another focus of the first three months will be how to prepare for and lead Lenten worship services. Each congregation has a different set of Lent traditions. This will be the third year our congregations are sharing a theme and resources for Lent. Vicar Andrew will gain experience with this model of shared ministry.

He will also attend Council meetings at Emmanuel and Montpelier to learn about congregational leadership and ways congregation members lead the local ministries and make decisions that are for the good of the congregation and community as we serve together in Jesus' name.

Who is on the Internship Committee?

These members accompany Vicar Andrew throughout the year and help him to reflect on what he is learning so that he grows in his pastoral identity and relationships. Members are: Alannah Valenta (Chair) and Mark Metz from Montpelier, Nathan Denning and Jane Schoonover from Emmanuel, and Leslee Larson and Dennis Mansavage from Trinity.

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown
Montpelier, Montpelier

Christ the King, Ellendale
St. John's, Jamestown

Emmanuel, Gackle
Trinity, Jamestown

English, Medina
Zion, Kulm

Synod Connections

Two things I know about this community are that you are generous and you will do just about anything to support the places and spaces that mean the most to you! That is why I am sure Giving Hearts Day is already on your radar and likely on your calendars.



Just in case you are unfamiliar, Giving Hearts Day is a statewide day of giving to your favorite non-profits, charities, and businesses. According to their website,

“As part of a continual improvement program at Fargo, North Dakota-based Dakota Medical Foundation (DMF), Giving Hearts Day arose in 2008 as a simple but unique fundraising concept: Around Valentine’s Day, ask people to show affection to not only people they love but charities, too. In the decade-plus since, the event has gone on to become one of the longest-running and most successful giving days in the country, providing a platform for North Dakota and northwest Minnesota charities to raise nearly \$165 million!” (app.givingheartsday.org/history)

This year the official Giving Hearts Day is Thursday, Feb 8, 2024. However, early giving has already begun on the website: app.givingheartsday.org

We hope that as you plan out your gifts this year, you will keep your congregation in mind! Donations are accepted both online and via check with the reminder of “Giving Hearts Day”. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Noisy Offerings

Trinity’s gift to the Eastern North Dakota Synod for Giving Hearts Day will be

\$243.30

Plus the Noisy Offerings given during worship on February 4.

Did you know you can **schedule your gift to the Eastern North Dakota Synod** for Giving Hearts Day at givingheartsday.org.

You can also mail a check to:
Eastern North Dakota Synod
PO Box 2019
Fargo, ND 58107

Please make sure it has “GHD” in the memo line, is dated 2/8/2024 and is received in the Synod office by 2/8/2024 (mail by 2/2/2024).

Faith in Action



Pastor Stephanie and I will be attending the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza January 17-22nd in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Extravaganza is a ministry of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network and is always held in the host city the year of a youth gathering. The Extravaganza is the Network's annual conference, drawing together over 1000 leaders in children, youth and family ministry, along with teachers, resource providers and leaders from the ELCA, for four days of renewal, education and networking.

This will be the tenth Extravaganza I have attended. The Extravaganza is a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow as a youth ministry leader. There are always amazing workshops that focus on today's issues; everything from social justice to inclusion to camp ministry and so much more. In addition, the general session speakers inspire, challenge and equip youth leaders for the ministry ahead.

This year's theme is DREAM. The theme verse is from Acts 2:17 "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your children shall prophesy, and your young shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams." The thesis is as follows: In a broken and hurting world, we are called to discern God's dreams and visions; as we seek to follow Jesus, we will be equipped by the Holy Spirit to make those dreams a reality for the children, youth and families we serve.

It is my hope that in future years we will be able to bring along other youth leaders from throughout the Christians in Action Partnership so they too can grow as youth leaders. I have been incredibly blessed by attending this gathering and wish I would have begun attending earlier in my ministry.

I look forward to sharing more of what we learned at the Extravaganza after we return from New Orleans.

Deacon Tara Ulrich



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From Vicar Andrew



Hello Everyone,

I have only had the opportunity to meet some of you, but I have had the great fortune of receiving the kindness and generosity from all of you. Thank you for making me feel welcome. The parsonage in Gackle is absolutely beautiful. It is difficult to express how sweet it was to walk into a furnished house where even the pantry and refrigerator were stocked with food.

Now that I have had time to unpack and settle in, I thought it would be nice to give an update about my time in North Dakota so far.

This past Sunday I was installed as a student pastor at Trinity in Jamestown. We had the opportunity to meet one another before the annual meeting. The impromptu question-and-answer session was a hoot. The highlights being about how I am getting along in weather that is more extreme than my native

San Francisco Bay Area and how I am finding my way around. My GPS has a permanent home on the dashboard of my car, but it seems to have a sense of humor. I learned that the Cleveland exit is best left to locals until spring. Now that I have new tires, I find that I am not as bad of a driver as I had begun to suspect. When asked whether I was a Vikings or Packers fan, I was given the good counsel to reply "Bison." (thank you Pastor Kristi)

Serving in three locations (plus a little) will get easier in the coming weeks. I can happily report that I have only driven to the wrong place one time. Thankfully, the meeting at Atonement Lutheran Church is only a mile or so from the place I drove to.

As you can imagine, there are many new faces, and just as many new names to learn. Remembering which names belong to which faces will take a little time; thank you in advance for your grace about that.

It has been a pleasure to meet and speak with the folks I have met so far, and I look forward to meeting the people I have not had the opportunity to meet yet. I look forward to building relationships, learning, and serving with you as the months ahead unfold. I am certain they will pass too quickly.

Joyfully in Christ,

Vicar Andrew



Young at Heart will be going to Spirit's Bar & Grill for lunch on Monday, February 12 at 11:30 am. All seniors are welcome!

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Stones
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Meggen Henke..... Administrative Assistant

Council Highlights—Monday, January 15, 2024

Present: Shawn Banet, Nathan Steele, Chris Flann, Greg Ulland, Mindy Skunberg, Jacob Limke, Mary Craft (Zoom), Pastor Susan Haukaas, Pastor Kristi Weber

Minutes: minutes of the December 13, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Financial report for December 2023 was received.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Approve amended 2024 budget to recommend to congregation at Annual Meeting
- 2) Approve 2024 project list to recommend to congregation at Annual Meeting
- 3) Approve resolution for the incorporation of Christians in Action to recommend to congregation at Annual Meeting

Next regular Council meeting: Monday, February 19, at 7:00 pm in person

2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

Greg Ulland, President 701-330-2015	(until new officers are elected)
Shawn Banet, Vice-President 701-739-8872	(until new officers are elected)
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Altar Guild.....	Ardell Quigley (952-5062)
Boy Scouts.....	Aaron Motter (952-3428)
Education.....	252-2841
Fine Arts.....	252-2841
Library.....	252-2841
Memorial.....	Peg Beckman (252-1896)
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Outreach.....	Shirley Driessen (952-2519)
Parish Care.....	Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)
Property & Management.....	252-2841
Selma Alexander/Trinity Foundation.....	Bob Toso (252-5027)
Stephen Ministry.....	Wendy Thompson (251-2122)
Women of Trinity.....	Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)
Worship.....	252-2841
Youth.....	Wynn Rasmussen (252-4890)
Church Office.....	252-2841

Financial Snapshot—Trinity’s General Fund

Please note, the most accurate financial information for all of 2023 is available in the Annual Report that can be picked up at Trinity.

A preliminary update on your gifts to the RENEW Campaign is in the Annual Report.

A final report will be prepared after a final review of donations and disbursements.

Thank you for your generosity.



Weekly Themes

Lent is often a time of self-reflection, spiritual discipline, commitment, and community. This Lent with resources developed by Church Anew, congregations of Christians in Action join with others in the Eastern North Dakota Synod to look at a kaleidoscope of stories from the Book of Acts on Wednesdays, with Revised Common Lectionary suggestions that pair directly with the theme for Sundays. We'll see the ways the Spirit alters our perspective, transforms our communities, and consistently blazes a trail ahead of us.

We'll catch up with the work of the Holy Spirit, finding ourselves:

Altered in Witness

Altered on the Edge of Belonging

Altered by Disruption

Altered through Stories We Don't Trust

Altered alongside Our Enemies

Altered through God's Creativity

because the Spirit is alive in, with, and under our ordinary lives, always calling us forward into transformation, nudging us into wholeness, and beckoning us forth into an alternative way.

Look for devotional resources at NDChristiansAct.org beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Wednesday worship 6:30 pm at Trinity

Ash Wednesday February 14

February 21, 28

March 6, 13, 20

Maundy Thursday March 28 7:00 pm

Good Friday March 29 7:00 pm

Worship on FM radio

If you are having trouble with the reception on 1400 AM for the radio broadcast of the 8:30 am Sunday worship, try 107.1 FM to get better reception.

Altar Flowers

- + 2/4/24 by Judy Hoyt in memory of Hartley
- + 2/11/24 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of grandchildren's February birthdays
- + 2/18/24 by Darrell & Judy Metzger in honor of Judy's birthday
- + 2/25/24 by Cory & Deb Struble in honor of Allie's birthday

Altar Candles

- + 2/4/24 by Judy Hoyt in memory of Hartley
- + 2/11/24 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of grandchildren's February birthdays
- + 2/18/24 by Darrell & Judy Metzger in honor of Judy's birthday

Radio

- + 2/4/24 by Judy Hoyt in memory of Hartley
- + 2/18/24 by Darrell & Judy Metzger in honor of Judy's birthday



Chuck Gilje: Peg Beckman, Mary Englund, Donna Gullickson, Odean Olson, Ken & Ruth Urdahl

Rita Kenna: Peg & Jon Schlenker

Glenn Larson: Donna Fischer, Ken & Ruth Urdahl



† 12/29/23 Glenn Larson

† 01/12/24 Wayne Bjugstad

† 01/26/24 Grace Vannett

December/January worship attendance

In person at 8:30 a.m.

December 24 49
December 31 59
January 7 68
January 14 28
January 21 55
January 28 64

In person at 10:45 a.m.

December 31 74
January 7 62
January 14 39
January 21 59
January 28 69

YouTube views

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

December 31 45
January 7 NA
January 14 78
January 21 36
January 28 34

Christmas Eve In person

10:45 am 85
3:00 pm 156
10:00 pm 37

Christmas Eve YouTube views

10:45 am 51
3:00 pm 41

Sponsorships for 2024 are available. Please call the church office or check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the dates you would like to sponsor these items. The cost is \$15 for candles, \$35 for flowers, \$100 for the radio broadcast, and \$100 for the livestream. It is a nice way to honor or memorialize a loved one.

Many dates are available throughout the year.



† 1/26/24 Tara Ulrich & Kelly Longden

FEBRUARY

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

4 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:30am Faith Quest 10:45am Worship with Communion	5 5:30pm Open Play 6:00 Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts	6 10:00am Staff Meeting—Atonement 2:30pm Text Study 7:00pm Boy Scouts Committee Meeting	7 8:45am Open Play 3:30pm 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation -St. John's 6:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	8 9:30am Altar Guild 12:00pm Jamestown Ministerial 4:15pm Worship Committee 7:00pm Wine & the Word	9 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	10 8:00am UJ Character In Leadership Retreat	
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18 8:30am Worship with Communion 10:45am Worship with Communion	19 Presidents Day—No School 2:00pm Coffee & Conversation 3:00pm JISC Photos 5:30pm Open Play 6:00 Handbells 7:00pm Congregational Council	20 Bond Deadline 10:00am Staff Meeting—Atonement 12:00pm Grace Circle 2:30pm Text Study	21 8:45am Open Play 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm Lenten Conversations 7:20pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	24 10:30am Leadership Retreat—Emmanuel Lutheran, Gackle	
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Trinity's Purpose:

Connect with God and with each other.
Share God's good news with all.



Worship at Trinity

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person)
Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)
Ash Wednesday, February 14, 6:30pm
Lenten Worship - Wednesdays at 6:30pm