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Let them
thank the LORD
for his
steadfast love,
for his
wonderful works
to humankind.
Psalm 107:8

All Saints' Sunday

November 5

8:30 & 10:45am

Giving thanks for the
newly baptized and
remembering those who
have died since last
All Saints' Sunday



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Your First Bible



Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the Ethiopian court official reading the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The court official replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in the chariot and sit beside him.

Acts 8:30-31

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

What do you remember about receiving your first Bible?

Who helped you understand that the Bible is special?

I recently asked these questions and was inspired by the stories I heard. Some people remembered receiving Bibles as third or fifth graders. Others told of confirmation Bibles or being shown a special family Bible.

Several people told about the wonder and joy of being encouraged to underline or highlight special passages in their own Bible or to take notes about questions they had.

Names of Sunday School teachers, parents, grandparents and others came to mind as we shared stories of the people who have come alongside us like Philip and the Ethiopian court official to help us understand what we are reading. God's Word revealed to us in the Bible teaches us, corrects us, and equips us to lead lives of faith.

When you read the Bible, do you return again and again to familiar passages that bring you comfort or inspiration?

Do you wrestle with passages that challenge you?

Do you have a devotion booklet such as *Christ in Our Home* or *The Word in Season* or another resource that guides you to explore a new passage of the Bible each day?

Does a Bible verse come to your phone or computer each day?

Do you have a Bible Buddy or study group that you connect with regularly to explore the depth and breadth of God's love for you shared in the Bible?

Any of these ideas can be a way to connect more deeply with God and with other people of faith.

As you continue your journey of faith in Jesus Christ, may the wonder and joy, the questions and the companionship of the Bible guide you each day.

In Peace,

Pastor Kristi Weber



★ **Veterans Day:** ★
Thank You for Your Service!

Thrivent Food Challenge

The Northland Region of Thrivent has committed \$50,000, available in 100 \$500 gifts to 100 local food pantries and has challenged Thrivent members to register to organize collections of food items.

Remembering Trinity's generous response to a similar challenge several years ago, a Trinity member has accepted the challenge and has committed to receiving donations at Trinity of at least 500 nutritious, non-perishable food items, making a pyramid of the items, and sending an electronic photo of the pyramid to Thrivent before sending the food to Community Action food pantry by November 12. Upon receipt of the photo, the \$500 Generosity Multiplier Gift from Thrivent Member Network will be sent to Community Action.

An inquiry to Community Action revealed that the most needed food items are canned fruits, vegetables, and soup. Please help us meet the challenge!!

Gloves for children and teens

Our ministry partners at Dacotah O'yate Lutheran Church on the Spirit Lake Reservation are collecting gifts for children and teens in their community. All gifts are being received through a gift registry on Amazon. You can help provide gloves for children and teens by making a \$5 or \$10 donation by November 12th to Trinity Lutheran Church. Your donations will be used to purchase bulk sets of gloves that will be shipped directly to the collection point for distribution as part of the Dacotah O'yate Kids Christmas Project. Thank you.

UJ Student Care Packages

Please bring left over Halloween candy to Trinity so it can be added to care packages that will be delivered to University of Jamestown students during finals week. Tags with other suggested items: popcorn, goldfish crackers, hot chocolate, etc. are available for pick up at Trinity. Please bring these items back to Trinity by November 12. Thank you.

Men of Trinity say "Tussan Takk" or a Thousand Thanks

The Men of Trinity held its 55th Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Supper on October 4th. Approximately 350 people were served. This could not have happened without the efforts of many people. Thank you to the Women of Trinity for making the meatballs and gravy, selling the surplus items, staffing the take-out station and delivery of meals. Thank you to the Boy Scout Troop 163 and their leaders for help in cleaning and resetting tables.

Once again, we had a great turnout of men who helped with such tasks as, setting up, peeling and boiling potatoes, cutting and cooking the lutefisk, making the coleslaw, getting the roasters ready for the meatballs and gravy, mixing the meatball ingredients, serving, washing dishes and clean up.

In addition, this project was approved as a "#LIVE GENEROUSLY" project by Thrivent Financial. As such, Thrivent provided seed money of \$250. Thank you, Thrivent.

But most of all, we thank those who purchased tickets. This support allows us to make donations to the Salvation Army, Community Action, Boy Scouts, Holiday Food Baskets, Red Willow Ministries, ND Orphan Train, Ukraine relief, memorials, funding for taxi services and help with church van and property expenses.

Mission of the Men of Trinity: Promote fellowship within the male membership of the church, strengthen faith in Christ and do good works within the church and throughout the community.



Young at Heart will be going to Davoni's for lunch on Monday, November 13 at 11:30 am.

All seniors are welcome!

Christians in Action

The Christians in Action Partnership has been working together in new ways for more than a year. One of the Goals for Christians in Action was to Expand Area Outreach. Some of the comments heard from different congregations reflect the different experiences in each of our communities.

“Many people in small communities know people from other communities. It has been interesting to see how we know the names of lots of people. Perhaps we have met them or worked with them before. This can strengthen those relationships and help people be comfortable working together.”

“In our congregation, there is no pastor living in town. The mental image is that we are a congregation without a pastor. We need to educate people that our congregation has several pastors who care about our community. They just don’t happen to live in town.”

“The congregation is adjusting to hearing multiple preachers each month and appreciates the teamwork. However, members are concerned about losing our identity.”

“Questions are asked about who is serving each congregation and what the difference is between what lay leaders and pastors can do.”

“It can be enjoyable to have other preachers and musicians at worship services. It shakes things up a little in a good way.”

“We promote special events among the partner congregations. This links us together.”

Not everything has easy answers, but this partnership encourages us to keep trying. Together we can share God’s good news with our communities. We have support and encouragement. We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all we do in Jesus’ name.

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown	Christ the King, Ellendale	Emmanuel, Gackle	English, Medina
Montpelier, Montpelier	St. John’s, Jamestown	Trinity, Jamestown	Zion, Kulm

From Our New Intern Pastor

Serving Christians in Action, specifically at Emmanuel, Gackle; Montpelier Lutheran; and Trinity, Jamestown

I’d like to start by thanking you all for inviting me into your community and for helping me on this path to answer God’s call to ministry.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in January. That’s seems like a long time from now but I know it will be here before I expect it.

I’m sure you’re curious about this new-comer you will soon have in your midst. I started seminary a little later in life, so although I may be young at heart, I’m not exactly young in years. Before seminary I’d been a carpenter, an antique restorer, a piano tuner, a care giver, and more. Even though I am coming from California, I am far more comfortable on horseback than on a surfboard.

I look forward to sharing our love of God, the peace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit with you all.

Peace and Grace,
Vicar Andrew Stephens



“Thoughts on Internship”

By Pastor Ted Kunze; St. Peter, Minnesota

(Pastor Ted is the father of Trinity member Beth Schwanz who recently moved to Minnesota)

Congratulations on being assigned a seminary intern to work with next year! As a retired pastor who has supervised 17 interns, your pastor asked me to write a little about my experience in the hope that it will be helpful to you.

You probably know that your intern has already had a lot of education. He or she is already a college graduate, and has had two or more years of graduate courses at the seminary. An intern, though, does not necessarily have a lot of experience in parish ministry. The goal of the internship year is to gain that experience, learning from the supervising pastor and you—the members of the internship parish.

A parish pastor is called on to serve in many roles. Certainly they are to be a preacher and to plan and lead worship. They also do a lot of writing, teaching of youth and adults, they are to do parish administrative functions, be a counselor, a mentor to youth, an evangelist, a leader in the community, and provide comfort and hope to those in grief. The list could go on!

No one is equally gifted in all of these! Internship, though, allows the future pastor to explore a variety of pastoral roles. They can grow in their ministry gifts by polishing the skills they already know that they have and, in a safe setting and with the guidance of the supervising pastor, try some new areas. That makes internship a very important year! You will be amazed at **their** growth during the year, as well as by what **you** learn from the student.

The greatest gift that you can give to the intern is that of Christian hospitality. Welcome him or her (and spouse and family, if any) into your parish, your town, and your life! Provide a safe space where they can try new things, affirm their gifts, and above all, support them with your prayers!

Blessings to you all in this coming year!



“I’m a Lutheran”



Kurt A. Hayes

Congregations that I have been a part of: My family and I have been attending English Lutheran Church for the past eight years, ever since we moved to Medina. Prior to Medina, My family would have been members of the Munich Lutheran Church in Munich, ND. My home church and congregation would be Ascension Lutheran Church in Emerado, ND, where I was confirmed in May 1981.

Occupation: Presently, I drive a school bus route for the Medina Public School District and substitute teach.

I found my faith: In all honesty, I found my faith in my Savior when I went through my personal “16-months of hell.”

My first son with Jenn, Ian Carter, was diagnosed with CDH – Congenital Diaphragmic Hernia – in November. Ian would have to go full term in order to determine if anything could be medically done for him. In December, my youngest daughter of my first marriage was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, a form of cancer. In April Ian was born and succumbed to his birth defect. In July my mother, Loretta, succumbed to her cancer. And, in the following May, my daughter succumbed to her cancer, being days before her sixteenth birthday.

An issue I’m fighting for is: I am presently attempting to do some work for under privileged children. I am a present member of the Jamestown Masons and working towards membership with the Jamestown Shriners. In addition to this, I have assisted with some other charitable activities – Schafer COED Softball Tourney (funds for children to participate in extracurricular activities) and McQuad Softball Tourney (funds to assist cancer research and expenses).

My favorite Bible story is: My favorite Bible story is about Zacchaeus, being the public figure whom Jesus asks to go with him.

I believe that: I believe that Jesus Christ died to save me and anyone else who believes in him.

I pray: I pray for people to have both a satisfactory and happy life with internal peace.

I struggle with: I struggle with people being dishonest and/or lying. It is one of my pet peeves.

People are surprised that I: My parents were surprised that I followed through with my goal to become a teacher, as they were even more surprised when I became a secondary principal. Most people who don’t really know me are surprised that I do enjoy listening to classical music and instrumental music. I do not play an instrument myself. Classical/instrumental music helps to sooth the inner beast and provide a sense of calmness.

If I could change anything: it would be for the world to rely less on electronic devices for social media.

I’m a Lutheran because: I am a Lutheran because that is the way that I was raised. Both my maternal grandparents and parents attended church regularly. I have attended either Lutheran or Evangelical churches in my lifetime with my families.

For me, music is: Music is a form of relaxation for me. I have been known to listen to various genres of music, depending on either my mood or situation.

Traveling and/or living abroad has taught me: I lived abroad for approximately the first year of my life, as I was born on a US Army Base in Okinawa, Japan, before the US Air Force was determined to be a separate military branch. Since then, I have never lived outside of the United States. Furthermore, I have never lived outside the region of North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Serving on the council opened my eyes to: Being a member of the English Lutheran Church Council, I have grown to see more of the operations of the church. As with most things, people do not necessarily realize the events and/or actions that occur on Monday to Saturday. People have a general idea of the activities on Sundays. Serving on the Council has allowed me to step back and view the whole operation of the church.

Story of Impact

Celebrating the Dead

Many cultures both celebrate and honor those who have preceded us in death. In the US, many Christians recognize All Saints Day on November 1, while in Mexico, they have Días de los Muertos (Days of the Dead) on November 1 and 2. All Saints Day tends to be a more somber affair, but the Day of the Dead honors loved ones through large family gatherings with plenty of food and beautiful altars called Ofrendas!



Everything on the Ofrenda is symbolic-

Photos: Help remember loved ones in the prime of their life

Sugar Skulls: Decorated and inscribed with names of loved ones

Marigolds: Their scent attracts the spirit of the dead and decorate the altar

Fire: Represents departed spirits

Wind: Colorful, cut paper banners announce the arrival of beloved spirits

Pan de Muertos: A sweet bread that represents sorrow

On Thursday, November 2, St. John's will be hosting a Day of the Dead celebration and All Saints Sunday preparation event! We will gather at 3:30PM to create papel picado (cut paper banners), make paper flowers, decorate votive candle holders, and bake some pan dulce, for our Ofrenda. Then from 5:30-7:30PM, we will have a taco dinner and watch a movie about the Day of the Dead. There will be many youth at this event, but it is for all ages!

Please RSVP to the St. John's church office (701-252-1198) or Pastor Stephanie (701-320-7856) if you plan to attend, so we prepare enough supplies and food!

Council Highlights—Monday, October 16, 2023 (Zoom)

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

Minutes: minutes of the September 16 and October 10, 2023 meetings were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Financial report for September 2023 was received.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Approve 2023 Confirmation Class:

Blake Ask, Colton Blackmore, Gavyn Gasal, Evan Lureen, Jordan Mikkleson, McKenna Nieswaag, Ethan Oettle, Jetta Peterson, Gavin Schafer, Jayson Schlenker, Sutton Van Gilder

& New Members to be received November 12:
Cindy Jones

Austin, Allison, Etta & Stella Carr

2) Approve updated posting of the Director of Music Ministries position following the hiring of Dr. Anne Gassmann as Trinity Choir Director

3) Appoint Chris Flann and Eric Knodel to Nominating Committee as outgoing Council members.

Next regular Council meeting: Monday, November 20, at 7:00 pm in person

Next Executive team meeting Tuesday, November 14 at 12:30 pm on Zoom.

RENEW Campaign Update

Original Goal: **\$440,000**

Received (through 10/17/23): **\$370,000**

Pledges: **\$ 50,000**

(to be received by 12/31/23)

Gifts yet to be given: **\$ 20,000**

(Gifts yet to be given and pledges to be received through the end of the year will help complete installation of LED lighting, ceiling repairs, generosity to Eastern ND Synod, and facilities operation)

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

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Mindy Skunberg 269-2805

Nathan Steele 269-2811

Joni Zink 320-1015

COMMITTEE/TEAM CHAIRS (Telephone)

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)

Men of Trinity.....Randy Lebahn (952-8337)

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

Council Highlights

Special Meeting—October 10, 2023

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

ACTION ITEMS

1) Approved hiring Dr. Anne Gassmann as Trinity Choir Director through May 31, 2024. (Extension of contract will be revisited in the spring.)

2) Approved short term loan of \$10,667 from Stained Glass account so that cash flow was available to pay balance due on boiler replacement bill. Expectation is that loan will be repaid with funds pledged to RENEW campaign that will be received before December 31.

**Financial Snapshot—Trinity’s General Fund
Through September 2023**

Year to Date Income	\$ 255,804
Year to Date Designated Income*	<u>+\$ 37,864</u>
Year to Date Total New Income	\$ 293,668
Transfer from Savings** for Designated Expenses	<u>+\$ 131,764</u>
Year to Date Total for Expenses	\$ 425,432
Year to Date Expenses (includes \$81,380 deposit for boilers)	<u>-\$ 430,445</u>
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (5,013)

*Designated income includes funds received for specific bills paid through Trinity’s General Fund.

**Some funds received in previous years are designated for expenses (such as repairs paid by donations to the RENEW Campaign) Your generosity throughout the year helps continue Trinity’s mission and ministry.

Planning for Mission and Ministry in 2024

What Your Gifts Will Do

When you give to Trinity’s General Fund, you support Trinity’s ability to

- A) increase Trinity’s Director of Music Ministries position from part-time to full-time
- B) fully fund Trinity’s portion of the shared Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries position
- C) make ongoing mortgage payments
- D) continue the mission and ministry priorities of 2023, and
- E) save for replacing the cooling system (chiller) during the next two years

In the month of November, please prayerfully consider how you will support Trinity’s mission and ministry.

Are you able to add to what you have already been giving to Trinity’s General Fund?

If you have been giving to Trinity’s RENEW Campaign, will you be able to redirect the donations you were making to the RENEW Campaign to support Trinity’s General Fund?

Your generosity allows Trinity to fulfill our purpose to connect with God and with each other and to share God’s good news with all. Thank you.

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

- + 11/5/23 by Judy Brueske in honor of Mike & Penny Landscoot's wedding anniversary
- + 11/12/23 by Ardell Quigley in memory of Gene Schapp
- + 11/26/23 by Randy & Colleen Lebahn in honor of Brittany & Derek Boechler's anniversary

Altar Candles

- + 11/5/23 by Marilyn Nitschke in memory of her sister, Trudie
- + 11/12/23 by Steve & Ruth Brubakken in honor of all veterans
- + 11/26/23 by Hal & Deanna Weiser in honor of Landon's birthday

Radio

- + 11/5/23 by Ken & Anne Dalsted
- + 11/12/23 by Darrell & Judy Metzger in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary
- + 11/19/23 by Ken & Anne Dalsted
- + 11/26/23 by Cory & Deb Struble in memory of Tiffiney Dick

One candle and one flower sponsorship are still available for November 19, 2023. If you would like to take one or both of those dates, please call Meggen at the church office.

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Kristina Weber (320-2077)..... Senior Pastor
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Tara Ulrich (659-1226)Director of Children, Youth
and Family Ministries
Dr. Anne Gassmann Trinity Choir Director
JoLynn Schumaker (320-8216) Director of Stepping
Stones
Lynette Berry (320-5707).....Faith Quest Administrator
Meggen Henke..... Administrative Assistant

October worship attendance

In person at 8:30 a.m.

October 1 0 (gas leak)
October 8 61
October 15 54
October 22 48

In person at 10:45 a.m.

October 1 24 (gas leak)
October 8 47
October 15 50
October 22 37

YouTube views

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

October 134 (gas leak)
October 8 58
October 15 28
October 22 29



Helen Doeling: Judy Brueske, Dianna & Mark Pollert

Jim Fritz: Kelly Krein, Jim & Connie Vagneur

Martha Klingenberg: Jim & Connie Vagneur

Carrie Kraft: Jim & Connie Vagneur

Goldie Mehlhoff: Teresa Backer, Frank & Marvel Fischer, Elaine & Joe Hegland, Tena Lawrence, Sandra Riley, Wendy Thompson

David Orr: Joni Zink

Alden Vannett: Pam Bieber, Debbie Brantley, Rose Brown, David & Marlys Gilbertson, Terry Gunderson, Darwin & Cindy Minder, Beverly Schaack, Glenda Schroeder, Lori Schuchard

Sharon Waterman: Wendy Thompson



Daylight Saving Time
Ends on November 5



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 All Saints Sunday 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:30am Faith Quest 10:45am Worship with Communion</p>	<p>6 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 4:15pm Worship Committee 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 10:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study 7:00pm Troop Parent Meeting</p>	<p>8 8:45am Open Play 3:30pm 6th&7th Grade Confirmation- St. John's 6:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation-Trinity 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 9:30am Altar Guild 12:00pm Jamestown Ministerial 7:00pm Wine & the Word</p>	<p>10 Office Closed No School 8:45am Open Play</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day 2:00pm Blowwith Eagle Scout Ceremony</p>
<p>12 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship</p>	<p>13 9:30am Quilting 10:00am Jamestown Conference 11:30am Young at Heart-Dawn's 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14 10:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study</p>	<p>15 8:45am Open Play 3:30pm 6th&7th Grade Confirmation- St. John's 6:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation-Trinity 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 11:00am Ave Maria</p>	<p>17 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play</p>	<p>18 2:00pm Blowwith Eagle Scout Ceremony</p>
<p>No Faith Quest</p>	<p>20 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Congregational Council 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21 8:00am Men of Trinity 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Grace Circle-Trinity 2:30pm Text Study</p>	<p>No Confirmation</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed No School  GIVE THANKS</p>	<p>24 Office Closed No School No Stepping Stones Open Play</p>	<p>25</p>
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<p>26 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship 1:00pm Rock of Ages No Faith Quest</p>						

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Trinity's Purpose:

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



Fall Worship at Trinity

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person)
Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)