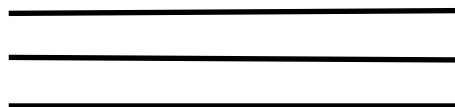


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May Worship

Sundays

9:00am - Worship*
Fellowship to follow

**Worship will also be streamed
and recorded each week*

*Wednesday Worship will be at
6:10pm on May 7th & 14th. After that,
it will pause until September*



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Teri's Final Tidbit

When I was asked to write a blurb for the newsletter, I panicked. How could I sum up the past 22 plus years in a blurb?? I can't. And I've really never been at a loss for words. But, I can say with all honesty, it has been an awesome journey.

And that's because of you all – and those who were here before. My friends, my family, and yes, those who challenged me.

I have seen and heard the good and not so good.

The ying and the yang. I was not a 'religious' person when I came to Trinity. I can't say I am now either – but I have learned so much. I have so many people to thank for so much. You embraced me when I wasn't sure I was embraceable. And you let me be me. Stocking footed and all!

Someone else will be greeting you and I have all the confidence that you will make that person feel like a member of the family too. Thank you for making me a part of yours.

Many smiles and hugs from Teri!



ALL MUSIC SUNDAY

"Justice and Mercy"

May 18th ~ 9:00am

*Come hear our talented
musicians share the message
and lead worship through
music and more that
morning!*



Pastor Ann's Last Sunday

-June 1st-

We are so grateful for Pastor Ann's ministry at Trinity and invite you to join us as we bless her with her next steps into retirement! Sunday, June 1st, will be her last day and Ann will preach and lead worship that morning. Then we will celebrate her at 10am! Come join us that morning in saying thank you for all Ann has done and for sharing her kindness and compassion with each and everyone of us!



FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

is scheduled for...

Tuesday, May 20th @ 11:30am
in Trinity's Fellowship Hall

****It is a salad potluck - bring something to share!**

ALL ARE WELCOME! WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!



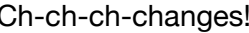
SPRING CLEAN UP DAY!

Can you lend a hand?

Wednesday, May 21st
Starting at 4:00 pm

Bad Weather Make-up Day
is Saturday, May 24,
starting at 10:00 a.m

*If you have any questions,
please contact Jim Velde.*



This month we say “good-bye” to Teri Buschette, long time church secretary, problem solver, question answerer, friendly face, listening ear, joke sharer, and so much more. Teri has been a fixture here at Trinity and her retirement is a big change for us! I, for one, will miss her quick wit and her wisdom about the work and people of Trinity. I am excited about what is to come for Teri in this new chapter and share the grief and anxiety of the question, “what happens next?”

The personnel committee is hard at work creating a plan for next steps. We were confident that we had found some strong candidates for the position. Unfortunately, those candidates took other jobs. Grace and flexibility are going to be important parts of our life together as we work to find a strong candidate in a short amount of time. We are grateful for your patience as we go through this process.

ahead to Pr. Ann's retirement. Her "good-bye" is in June and we have plans to celebrate her. I miss Ann's curiosity and care, as I know many of you will too! We are working on gathering a home communion and make friendly visits to our folks who can't always make it to worship. We hope for training and matching visitors with those who need a visit. I will continue to visit those in care needs. Care for the whole congregation remains a priority as we move forward. If you are part of this group, we would love to talk with you!

bubble up when we are faced with change, even change we celebrate! We can feel both joyful and anxious, excitement and grief. As we journey through this season of our church's life we draw courage from knowing that Christ is with us, in all the ups and downs. And because of the promise that new life awaits on the other side of all our worry, fear, and anxiety. Do not be afraid, we are walking with us on this road.

God's peace and love,
Pr. Megan



DONATIONS NEEDED: BABY CARE KITS

Trinity's Elizabeth Circle is looking for used/like new *(no stains or tears)* or new baby items to complete Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. **Needed are the following items in sizes 6 to 26 months.**
Fleece items cannot be sent.

- Cotton T-shirts (no onesies)
- Long or short cleaved gowns or sleepers without feet
- Medium weight cotton / flannel / lightweight knitted blankets 35" x 52" square
- Jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with hood
- Socks and diaper pins

*Drop off at the church or call: Jeanette Granger
218-242-3111 or Patti Wentz 701-306-5108.*

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2025 6:30 PM

Members- Julie Aaneson (3) Jon Anderson (3) Kym Wesholter (3) Terry Carlisle (2) Joe Merseth (2) Neil Jonason (2) Devin Hagen (2) Kaitlin Siewert (1) Lydia Gag (1) Andrea Grimm (1) Ben Jacobson (1) Deb Krogsgaard (1) Pastor Megan

Absent- Jon, Devin, Deb

Call to Order- 6:30 pm by Kym Wesholter Devotional - Pastor Megan devotional from Acts 1.

Accounts Payable Approval- Motion to approve (Terry/Joe) No discussion **Passed.**

March Council Minutes Approval- Motion to approve (Julie/Andrea) No discussion Passed.

Pastor Report- Megan has found a volunteer to help navigate Pastor Ann's duties once retires. Pastor Megan has two grant projects for continuing education for the year: Compelling Preaching and Lead Pastor Development Program, which she was one of four nominated by Bishop Tesch from our synod.

Ministry Review-Brief Highlight overviews of committees were given as needed. Property is currently looking at bids for signage from Indigo and Brushmark. Brushmark bid is in and would include signage on monument and building. Still waiting on bid from Indigo to come in. **Motion** by Joe to allow property to move forward with signage decision once both bids received as long as within budgeted \$10,000 from capital expense. Andrea seconded motion. No discussion. **Passed.** Elevator biannual inspection recently completed. Inspection was passed, but informed updates may be needed in the next five years due to code changes. Property is working to get clarification on code updates as have been told “may” happen.

Retirement gifts - Retirement gifts for Teri and Pastor Ann were discussed. **Motion** to approve gifts. (Joe/Julie) No discussion. **Passed.**

Hiring Update-Pastor Megan reports position had been offered, but individuals declined to accept. Committee is going to have conversation on next steps to navigate getting the position filled. Was noted that Teri has been compiling a notebook of information for whoever succeeds her.

Financial Report-Sue was in attendance to give financial report. Sue noted that taxes will be due before next mtg. No questions.

Designated Accounts/Funds- Andrew Gag was present to help discuss how designated funds/accounts work. Discussion was had on if there are any accounts that could be designated to other accounts or to combine accounts to help clean up accounts. Decided to have Andrew talk with Finance to give recommendations on policies and dollar amount for possible expenditures in the near future such as AV system, Bill's computer, air conditioner, and elevator. Was noted that did get a donation for the AV system and Bill was able to get the computer fixed.

Mission/Vision- Due to time Pastor Megan gave a broad, short presentation on how work needs to be done on how to move the mission and vision of church into action with a goal to be a more positive presence in the larger community. More will be discussed at next council meeting.

Lord's prayer and closing prayer led by Pastor Megan.

Adjourn -8:12 pm.

Respectfully committed by Kaitlin Siewert, Council Secretary

The current Pew Person has made the tough choice to step away from 'checking the pews' volunteer position. 'Checking the pews' consists of straightening the pew racks, adding any papers/envelopes that need it, and switching out pencils as necessary. If you are interested in volunteering - please contact the office. Thanks!



- TIDBITS from Teri -

- **THANK YOU** to everyone for their donations to the Lakes Crisis Center in March.
- **AWESOME!** The quilters took 5 quilts to the Lake Crisis and Resource Center for the clients.
- Monthly donations for the Lakes Crisis & Resource Center for April is **NEW BED PILLOWS**. Please bring donations in and put on the bins. **THANK YOU** to everyone for their donations in April!
- The BIG envelopes that are/were in the pew racks, for donations to the ELCA, such as World Hunger, International Women Leaders, Disaster Response, etc. are now located in one of the brochure racks, on the big counter along the east wall.
- **JOIN TRINITY!** – If you or someone you know is interested in membership at Trinity, please let Teri in the office know so we are able to send them some information or please fill out one of the blue cards on the back of the pews and turn it in.
- The **MISSIONARY SUPPORT CALENDAR** for 2025 is up in the Fellowship Hall. The goal for the year is \$75 per week. Two-thirds going to our Missionary, Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, in South Asia, and one-third going to our sister congregation, Beersheba, India.

TRINITY CYFM SUMMER PROGRAMS AND TRIPS!

VBS

JUNE 16-19

A Week You Won't Want to Miss!
Registration Deadline is May 28th!

Trinity Tots VBS Program
Who: Ages 3-5 years olds
Time: 9am-11am

VBS Program
Who: Kids who have completed K-5th Grade
Time: 9am-3pm

Register online at
www.trinitylutherandl.org/vbs

Help Us Decorate for VBS!

Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30pm

All hands are needed to help flip Trinity for VBS as we will turn it into an under water adventure!

Come join in the fun!

ADOPT A VBS DECORATION!

Laura is looking for some help prepping some sea animals before the decoration day! If you would be willing to help prep a project, talk to Laura and she will give you the supplies! Thank you!



WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN DONATING FOOD FOR VBS?

Trinity gives such an amazing gift to our kids, youth and families by not having a fee with the VBS program so all can experience it! With that, we want to make that generous gift, stretch as long and as to many as we can. Our cooks for the week have made a list of items that could be donated by others for the snacks and lunches we provide for our kids. If you are interested, please take the slip off the board in the Gathering Space for the item(s) you would like to donate or sign up for food items on Trinity's website. Thank you for your generosity - the kiddos love the VBS food!!

2025 Summer Trips!
Sign Up Today!

2025 MYSTERY TRIP

Current 6th - 8th Graders

July 9-12, 2025

Cost: \$225 for Trinity Youth (Trinity Youth receive \$100 towards cost, so the actual cost is \$325. Scholarships are available; talk to Suzie.)

SIGN UP BY MAY 20TH AT
WWW.TRINITYLUTHERANDL.ORG

CLUE 1

No tents...we'll have beds & indoor plumbing.



CLUE 2

Your feet will stand in at least 2 states.



CLUE 3

Packing a swimsuit is a good idea!



MYSTERY TRIP CLUES

♥ Tacos & Pizza Waterskis in November Trinity Trips!

Leader A

♥ Travel Sour dough Baker Creative Projects!

Leader B

MYSTERY TRIP LEADERS

♥ Good Tunes! Likes to Make Pizza Road Trips!

Leader C

♥ Taco Bell Volleyball Wiz Hilarious!

Leader D

Houseboat Trip
July 21-25, 2025
Grades 9-12

Cost: \$425
Scholarships Available
REGISTER & LEARN MORE
www.trinitylutherandl.org



Games
Houseboats
Sunsets
Crafts
Fishing
Waterslides
Stargazing
Campfires

Lodging
Villas at Giant's Ridge

Cost
\$350/Week
or
\$70/Night
*Lodging/Meals/Etc...

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2025

JUNE 8-13, 2025
Age 16 to 80+
Iron Range/MN



Congratulations to our Trinity Seniors!

Please hold the Class of 2025 in your prayers this month. We blessed their journey forward during worship at Trinity on April 27. *Holy God, we give thanks for each of these young men and women. Bless, guide and nurture them as they find their way in this world, fully living into who you created them to be. Amen.*



Kaitlyn Anderson



Mason Erickson



Gage Hatch



Sophie King



Paige Lindberg



Kaden Smith



Seth Softing



Alison Steward

MAY WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
MAY 7TH & MAY 14TH

All are welcome to join us the first two Wednesdays in May for some more fun!

5:00-6:00PM BBQ DINNER & HANG IN THE BACKYARD!

6:10-6:40PM WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY

6:45-7:15PM FUN ACTIVITY

MAY 7TH PLANT FLOWERS FOR MOM!

MAY 14TH RINGO WITH SUMMER PRIZES!

LUNCH & LEARN
Thursdays 12:00-1:00PM
May 1
Brain Health
PRESENTER
TRISA HUTCHINSON
PROGRESSIVE CARE THERAPY
Lunch is free. All are welcome.
Location: Trinity Lutheran/Community Room

VOLUNTEER WITH VBS!

Come be a part of our VBS Volunteer Team and help give our kids a week this summer they will never forget!
Youth who finished 6th Grade and up can help!

Find out more and sign up at www.trinitylutherandl.org/vbs

