

**February
2025**

Trinity Lutheran Church
499 4th Ave. NW
Valley City, ND 58072
(701)845-3837
"Love God. Love Others."
Email:
trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com
Website:
www.trinitylutheran-valleycity.org



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.
Holy Communion on first &
third Sundays

Sunday School

Sept. 29th—May 4th
9-9:50 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Pastor:

Rev. Diane Krumm
Email: ptlc@bektel.com
Cell: (701)840-7548

Office Manager:

Rochelle Triebold
Hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., M-Th
Closed on Fridays

Treasurer/Expenses:

Kaneia Kinney

Offerings Secretary

Diane Kracht

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity Tidings



*Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, and
the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13*

When I was a kid, Valentine's Day meant making a special box and sharing cards with my classmates. The day also brought with it those heart-shaped candies with little messages. Some of them seemed just right for my friends. I didn't mind sharing "love u" with my best friend, but the sentiment was a bit of a stretch with other classmates. However, the candies came in little, individual boxes. There was no picking and choosing. Each person got the same messages. And maybe that was the point. It was a day to share kind words to everyone – equally.

St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians are filled with messages about our calling to treasure one another and the gifts that each person has. The church in Corinth was divided. A group of people were claiming that people who had visions or spoke in tongues were better Christians than others. They did not recognize or value the gifts that others had to offer. Paul responded by using an analogy: as the human body has many members (hands, feet, eyes, etc.) so too, the church is made up of different members with different abilities and roles. All members are important for the body, and the church, to function as it is meant to.

I wonder, then, if the self-proclaimed super-Christians at Corinth had Valentines candies to share, what would they hand out and to whom?

What messages do we intentionally or unintentionally pass along with what we do in our day-to-day life?

St. Paul gives us some tips about how "love u" should be lived out. He wrote that love is patient, kind, not arrogant, not rude, and does not insist on its own way. It doesn't keep score, and it doesn't give up when things get tough. The love that Paul describes is the kind of love that God has for us. It is the love that we see in Jesus. Jesus does not give "love u" treats to only some people. His love is for all people – including all my old classmates and all the people we encounter.

We live in a world where there is division. It is easy to get caught up in thinking that it is "us against them" and to demonize people who are different from us. And while our love will not match the depth of God's love for us, what would happen if we reflected on what kind of heart-shaped messages Jesus would give to "those people?" What if we actually shared such messages with them with our words and actions? I think God would declare it to be a happy Valentine's Day.

May you be filled with the sweet goodness of God's love today and always.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane



In Our Thoughts/Prayers:

Marleen Pytlik (Fgo hosp./cellulitis), Frances Yokom (RSV), Tristan O'Brien, Gerry Schaefer (cancer), Larry Compson, Tony Kobbervig (heart surgery), Carol (Hoff) Crandall (cancer), Nicole Wieser, Chad Henningsgard, Gabriella Morical (Kathy Hoefs granddaughter), Jenny Morical (Kathy Hoefs daughter), Bryce Morical (Kathy Hoefs grandson), Nicole Gordon (cancer/Julie Yokom's niece); Casa de Fe orphanage; ELCA EaND Synod/Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth; ELCA/Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton; those affected by the CA wildfires; our missionaries; military men/women; **Peace**

December 2024 Memorials

Casa de Fe

In memory of **Helen Danielson**
Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

In memory of **Mavis Beil**

Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

General

In memory of **Loved Ones**
Given by Leif & Roz Ravnaas

November 2024 Financial:

Beg. Balance (as of 11/01/24):	\$ 2,367.87
Income:	\$19,336.34
Expenses:	\$18,503.85
Ending Balance (as of 11/30/24):	\$ 3,200.36

December 2024 Financial:

Beg. Balance (as of 12/01/24):	\$ 3,200.36
Income:	\$24,755.42
Expenses:	\$21,992.96
Ending Balance (as of 12/31/24):	\$ 5,962.82

**Thank you to all who helped us end our year
"in the black"!**

Sunday Worship Attendance, Dec.. '24

1st: 50	22nd: 50
8th: 45	24th/Xmas Eve: 143
15th: 87	29th: 31

Sunday Worship Attendance, Jan. '25

5th: 56	19th: 34
12th: 39	26th: 38

Klub Dinner

Saturday, February 15

4:30-6:30 p.m.

@ TLC



What is Klub?? It's a traditional Scandinavian potato & ham dumpling made of potatoes, flour, & butter.

All are welcome!

This **free-will offering** meal is to raise funds for a new boiler heating system at Trinity Lutheran Church.



Giving Hearts Day

Give your way

Giving Hearts Day was started in 2008 by Dakota Medical Foundation & Impact Foundation as the region's first one-day virtual fundraising event. Donors can easily give to various charities on Giving Hearts Day with just a few minutes of time.

This Giving Hearts Day, we invite you into the mission of the Eastern North Dakota ELCA Synod:
"United in Christ, we dare to invite, connect, and act."

Here's how:

On (or before) Thursday, Feb. 13th:

- 1) Head to www.givingheartsdays.org/#/charity/379; or choose the charity of your choice.
- 2) Choose your amount & add to cart.
- 3) Check out!

If you prefer to mail a donation to the Eastern ND Synod, please mail your check to:
EaND Synod, P.O. Box 2019, Fargo, ND 58107.
Please write GHD in the memo line, and make sure it is received in their office by no later than 2/13/25.



TLC Christian Education

Thank you to our Sunday School students, two confirmation students, leaders, and adult choir for making our 2024 Sunday School Christmas Program a success! See TLC's Facebook page for pictures!

Sunday School: Sunday School classes will be on 2, 9, and 23 of February.



First Communion: Pr. Diane will be meeting with 5th Graders to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesdays, Feb. 12, 19, and 26. First Communion Sunday will be March 2nd. If you or someone you know is interested in attending classes, please contact Pr. Diane.



Youth Events: Grades 7-12 will be going to a Fargo Force Hockey Game on Friday, Feb 28th. We will departing from Faith Lutheran Church at 4:45 p.m. (game is at 7 p.m.). Cost will be announced soon. Contact Wendi Wilmes at Faith Lutheran for more info.



Graduates: In preparation for graduate recognition, **high school grads**, please email the church office your plans for after graduation and a baby & a graduate pictures. College graduates, please email the church what college you graduated from and your degree. TLC email is: trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com



Mark your calendars: Youth-led Sunday will be on April 27th this year. Graduate Recognition will be on May 4th.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

All are welcome to join in-person Bible study to read about God's Word through an online Bible Study provided by ELCA called *Daily Discipleship* (www.elca.org/dailydiscipleship). We meet Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the TLC library; on second Tuesdays of the month we meet at 10 a.m. at Bridgeview Estates. Each study focuses on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Consider joining us! The discussions are incredibly open and bring a lot of thoughtful moments. And the coffee is always on!



Volunteers are needed to run the recordings on the clavinova for Sunday morning Worship when we don't have a pianist. If interested, please contact Rochelle or Pr. Diane about being trained. No piano playing skill necessary.



Confirmation Corner

**February 2025 @ TLC, Grades 7-9
6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesdays**

We will have a light meal for the youth before class. Monetary donations are welcome to feed the hungry masses. Confirmation students' parents who have not already done so are asked sign up to help (see text with schedule). For more information, contact Pastor Diane or Rebecca Westman.

Students are invited to bring spare change to class Feb. 5 & 12. The money collected will be given to a local charity on Giving Hearts Day.

From March 5 – April 18, students are to attend Lent Services.



**Kids Club for
4th-6th graders
Wednesdays, 3:15-5 p.m. @
Faith Lutheran Church**

Youth in grades 4-6 from Trinity, Faith, and Our Saviors are invited to this after school program. If you would like your child/children to take part in this fun club, please contact Wendi Wilmes (840-3911). Rides from school to Faith Lutheran are available, but leaders do need to know a couple weeks prior.

Socks for A.P.O.C.



(Abused Persons Outreach Center) TLC Stewardship Committee would like to say "THANK YOU" for all **120+ pairs of socks** that were donated to our TLC Giving Tree. All pairs were donated to the Abused Persons Outreach Center in Valley City.



**Mission Breakfast for
Casa de Fe
Sunday, February 9th, 2025
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

French Toast Bake will be served. All free-will offering proceeds will benefit an orphanage, Casa de Fe ("house of faith"), in Shell, Ecuador. All are welcome!

DECEMBER 10, 2024 Council Highlights:

Members present: Kim Wittenberg, Kaneia Kinney (Treas.), Linda Anderson, Gary Botner, Robert Nelson, Kathy Hoefs, and Diane Kracht. Absent: Stan Flemmer

The meeting was called to order. Pastor Diane led devotions from Luke 3. The agenda and November meeting minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education/Youth – Linda Anderson: The Sunday School Christmas Program will be on December 15th during worship time. Theme is "Welcome the Light." Additional leaders, helpers, and subs for Sunday School are still needed. No Sunday School on Dec 22 & 29. The Confirmation students shopped for area children in need with \$1,000 from Thrivent and assembled treat bags for VCSU and Open Door residents. No Confirmation classes Dec 18 & 25 and Jan 1. Next Meeting – Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 4:45pm

Endowment – Robert Nelson: Next Meeting: February 16, 2025, after worship.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Diane Kracht: "Murder Mystery with a Side of Dessert" Fundraiser on Nov 17th went well and raised approximately \$2,200 for the new boiler. During December, there is a Christmas tree for new socks donations for APOC clients, and the 5th Sunday of the Month (Dec 29) is designated for APOC. The committee is planning a Klub Dinner for February 15th (a boiled dinner for the boiler). Next meeting: Jan. 9th, 4:45 p.m.

Worship – Kathy Hoefs: Music for Worship Services – Naomi (Dec 1 & Jan 12); Amy (Dec 8, 15, & 24 and Jan 5 & 19); Recorded and/or playing: Diane Kracht (Dec 22); Pastor Diane (Dec 29); and Rochelle (Jan 26). Christmas Eve Candlelight and Holy Communion will be at 4pm. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 3 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim Wittenberg: WELCA from Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity are hosting a Christmas Party on December 20th at 1:30pm at St. Raphael for residents from our three congregations. WELCA has completed its 2024 budget successfully. WELCA has purchased a KitchenAid mixer for the kitchen with monies donated to the kitchen fund. Next meeting: Noon on Jan 21, 2025. (No meeting in December)

Property – Gary Bottner/Robert Nelson: Church roof (steeple area) additional repair cost \$550. Church "big" boiler is scheduled to be installed a day after Christmas (weather permitting – boiler needs to be shut down for a day). A caution sign will be placed on the north side of the church where the sidewalk has sunk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trinity donated \$2,100 for the Community Thanksgiving Baskets.

Annual Meeting Prep: Date of the meeting is Jan 26, 2025, following worship. Potluck after the meeting. Elections— for council: three 3-year terms and one 1-year completion of term are needed; and for Endowment: one 5-year term is needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting Agenda and Proposed 2025 Budget were discussed and will be finalized at next meeting.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: January 14, 2025 @ 6:30pm. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Members of the E.L.C.A.: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Trinity's Mission "Love God...Love Others"*

JANUARY 14, 2025 Council Highlights:

Members Present: Linda Anderson, Kim Wittenberg, Kaneia Kinney (Treas.), Kathy Hoefs, Robert Nelson, Gary Botner, and Diane Kracht. **Absent:** Stan Flemmer

The meeting was called to order. Pastor Diane gave devotions from John 2:1-11. Thank you notes were shared from Naomi, Pastor Diane, and Kaneia for Christmas gifts and from a family for a Thanksgiving Basket. Agenda and previous minutes were approved. Treasurer's Report was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education/Youth – Linda Anderson. Sunday School Christmas Program was held on Dec. 15th during worship time. After Christmas break, Sunday School classes resumed on Jan. 5th and Confirmation classes on Jan. 8th. Next meeting: Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, 4:45 p.m.

Endowment – Robert Nelson. Next Meeting: February 16, 2025, after worship.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Diane Kracht. From the Christmas tree of new socks, 122 pairs of socks were collected and given to APOC, as well as the 5th Sunday of the Month offering from Dec. 29. A Klub Dinner will be held on Feb. 15th from 4-6:30pm; Free-will with proceeds for the boiler fund. Next Meeting: Feb. 20th at 5 p.m.

Worship – Kathy Hoefs. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 3 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim Wittenberg. A work group will serve the Annual Meeting Potluck Dinner. Banner Funds were transferred to Altar Guild's account. Pork Loin and Doritos will be donated to confirmation. Next meeting: Noon on Jan 21. (no Dec. meeting)

Property – Gary Botner/Robert Nelson. The Church "big" boiler will be installed when weather cooperates, and the line in the hydraulic room will be fixed. Robert suggested replacing 5 church thermostats to better control the temperature. Robert will fix the light over the church back door.

OLD BUSINESS:

Preparations for the annual meeting were finalized. The following have agreed to be nominated – 3-year council term: Diane Kracht, Glenn Torgerson, and Kim Wittenberg; 1-year council completion of term: Brenda Laub; and 5-year Endowment term: Linda Anderson. The proposed Annual Meeting Agenda and the Proposed 2025 Budget were approved.

NEW BUISNESS:

Discussion was held about using individual candles for Christmas Eve Services or switching to battery operated candles. Tabled.

Lent begins on March 5. The council agreed to rotate with Faith, Our Saviors, and Fingal/ Nome/Kathryn. Pastors will rotate to different churches as they did the last 2 years.

The council decided to have a special offering on January 26th and February 2nd for Lutheran Disaster Response designated for California Wildfires.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, Feb., 2025, at 6:30pm. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Members of the E.L.C.A.: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Trinity's Mission "Love God...Love Others"*

Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Highlights (for year 2024), — Jan. 26, 2025

President Linda Anderson called the meeting to order. Pastor Diane led devotions. The Annual Meeting Agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Reports were reviewed and approved. A correction was noted for the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Church Boiler: The new large boiler is here and will be installed when weather permits. A corroded section of the heat line will be replaced in the elevator mechanical room. Leftover money from the boiler will be used for this repair.

B. Kitchen Countertops (in basement): They have been installed (by Bruce Kracht). There is a crack in the main serving window portion of the countertop that will be addressed. The kitchen remodel looks fabulous!

C. 140th Anniversary of TLC: The Anniversary Committee did a wonderful job organizing this event. Anniversary booklets will be made and available soon. Former TLC pastors who attended were JoAnne Moeller, Dan Forsberg, and Ellen Arthur.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Elections:

1. Church Council: Diane Kracht, Kim Wittenberg, and Glen Torgerson were elected to serve 3-year terms on the council and Brenda Laub was elected to complete a 1-year term on the council. (Stan Flemmer moved to Bismarck and is unable to finish his term.)

2. Endowment: Linda Anderson was elected to serve a 5-year term on Endowment. Thank you to Boyd Westman for serving for 2 terms.

B. The Budget for 2025 was approved.

C. Church Bell Tower/Roof Repairs: The leaky roof near bell tower/front addition has been fixed by Enterprise.

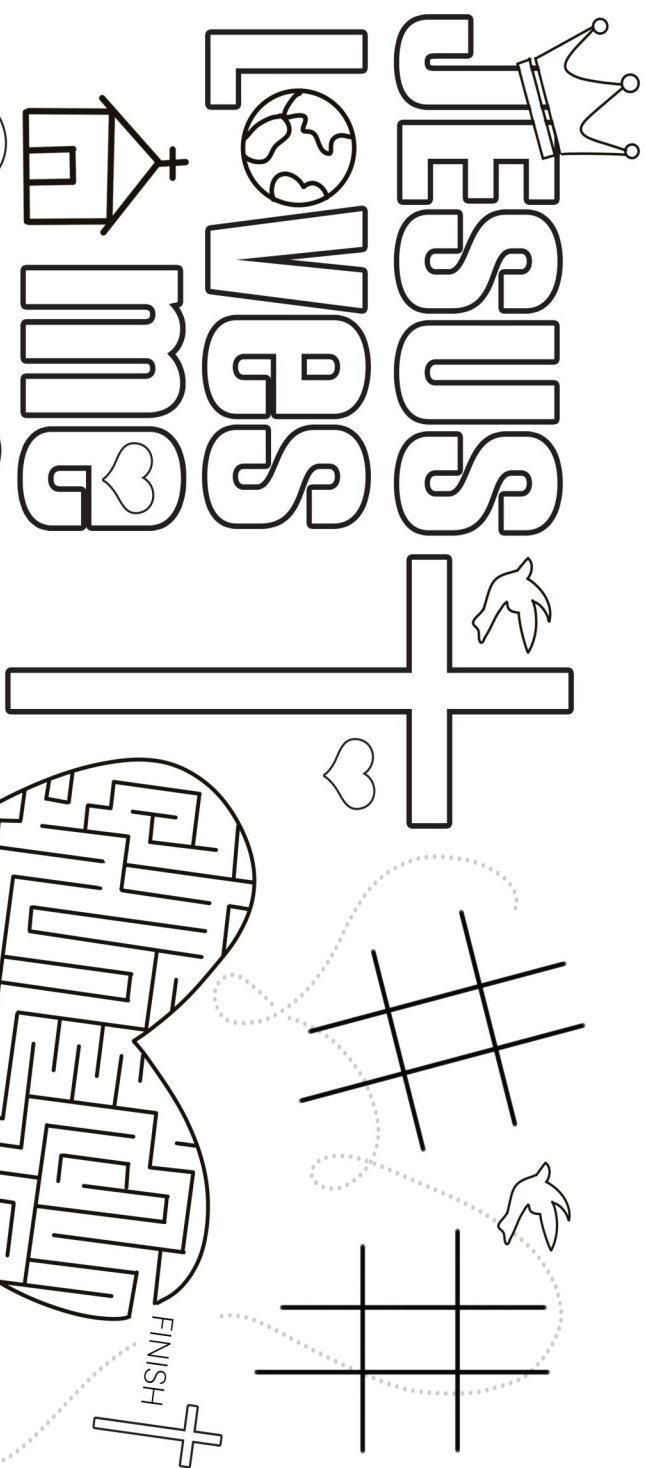
D. Other Items:

1. Synod Assembly is June 7 & 8, 2025 in Fargo @ Holiday Inn. Linda Anderson and Jeanne Wobbema have volunteered to attend as TLC delegates.

2. Thank You's from Pr. Diane included:

- Linda Anderson for serving two terms on the council, and Stan Flemmer for 2 years.
- 2025 Council members willingness to serve: Kim Wittenberg, Diane Kracht, Glen Torgerson, Brenda Laub, Kathy Hoefs, Robert Nelson, and Gary Botner
- Karen Magnuson for her 15 plus years as treasurer and financial secretary
- Diane Kracht for serving as financial secretary after Karen's retirement
- Trinity's staff: Rochelle, Kaneia, Amy, Naomi, Karen M., Jerry, and Michelle
- Linda Westby for visiting members in assisted living and the care center
- Amy Anderson — as she moves into partial retirement — for all her years of dedication to TLC's music and worship
- Jason Anderson and his expertise with the sound system
- Rebecca Westman and Diane Kracht for teaching Sunday School

The meeting was adjourned and closed with Lord's Prayer and table grace — followed by potluck .



THINGS
I LOVE...

REJOICE
HEART
LOVE
FOLLOWS
ANGEL
HOPE
GENTLE
JESUS
KIND
JOY

H Z F N C O Q N A Y
E P R O Z J Q E B I
A R J E L G R D K H
R T Y S G O L V L I Y
T A B U J E O I W D O
H A N S O J E N T V E S
J Q R G Y Q F F S L E A
T W X H L L N A E A

SPY...

Find & color the below images on the page

- [3]
- [2]
- [1]
- [2]
- [1]

How many can you find on the page?

- a. 12 b. 14 c. 9

AS THE FATHER HAS
LOVED ME,
SO HAVE I LOVED YOU.
NOW REMAIN IN
MY LOVE.

John 15:9, NIV

COLOR THE BOOKMARK
& THEN CUT IT OUT.