

**February
2026**

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

Worship

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

Sunday School

9-9:45 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.
@ TLC library;
Meets @ Bridgeview Est. on
second Tuesdays of month.

Pastor:

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Closed on Fridays

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Kaneia Kinney

Offerings Secretary

Diane Kracht

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity Tidings



What if the opposite of being bound is being whole? Our world is filled with things that hold us captive. These things that bind us prevent us from living the whole, abundant life that God has promised us. Through the stories of regular people encountering Jesus, and being drawn to the wholeness that Jesus provides, we can learn about our own longings and be drawn into wholeness.
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Our theme for Lent this year is "Unbound: Longing for Wholeness." On Sunday mornings, we will reflect on some of the ways we can be bound – as we look at the story of Joseph from Genesis. Our Wednesday services will reflect on some of the things we long for – as we look at different stories from Matthew and John. As we have done for the last several years, area pastors will rotate to different congregations.

Below is the schedule for Trinity Lutheran's Wednesday services with a simple prayer that highlights the main point of each service. You are invited to read the Bible passages and use the prayers each week.

Feb. 18/Ash Wednesday: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (Pr. Diane)
Jesus, help me to listen for you and to you when I pray.

Feb. 25: Longing for Community - Jn 9:1-41 (Pr. Diane)
Jesus, help me include others so no one is missing.

Mar. 4: Longing for Authenticity - Jn 11:1-45 (Pr. Jamie Desai)
Jesus, thank you for crying with me and calling me into new life.

Mar. 11: Longing for Relationship - Jn 4:5-42 (Pr. Jared Carson)
Jesus, fill my heart so your love can overflow to others.

Mar. 18: Longing for Mystery - Jn 3:1-17 (Pr. Bryce Blank)
Jesus, help me see you, even when it's hard to understand.

Mar. 25: Longing for Wholeness - Matt 4:1-11 (Pr. Nicholas Rohde)
Jesus, help me choose your way, not just the easy way.

Blessings to you as we enter into a season of reflection on what it means to pick up our crosses and follow Jesus.

Pastor Diane



In Our Thoughts/Prayers:

Fam/Friends of Don "Doc" Thompson (12/31 funeral @ TLC), F/F of Harrison James Flemmer (died 12/28/25; baby boy of Carter & Katrina Flemmer; grandparents are Stan & Ginger Flemmer); Margaret Heise, Marleen Pytlik, Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Carol Boucher (Linda Westby's sis), Don Clark (Kathy Brobst's husband), Nicole Wieser; Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; Eastern ND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon-Leiseth/ELCA Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry; Peace.

Dec. 2025 & Jan. 2026 Memorials

GENERAL FUND

In memory of **Donald "Doc" Thompson**
Given by Bernard & Edna Elsner,
Tom & Karen Overn



TLC's Second Annual Klub Dinner **Saturday, Feb. 14th** **4-6:30 p.m.** **All are welcome!**

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

This **free-will offering** meal is hosted by TLC Outreach/Stewardship Cmte, and will benefit TLC Ministries.



Contribution Statements for 2025 were emailed on Jan. 20 to TLC members we have email addresses for. Please check your spam/junk email folder if you don't see it in your email inbox. For those that we don't have an email address for, your statement will be mailed.
Thank you for your generous support of our ministry at TLC!



Annual Meeting Postponed...

Due to the extreme colder temps on Jan. 25th, our Annual Meeting was postponed. You are encouraged to come on Sunday, Feb. 1st. The meeting will take place after 10 a.m. Worship. Please bring your favorite food dish to share for the potluck, which will follow the meeting. Booklets can be picked up any time between now and day of the meeting.



Giving Hearts Day Give your way

Giving Hearts Day was started in 2008 by Dakota Medical Foundation & Impact Foundation 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 \$226 million. Donors can easily give to various charities on Giving Hearts Day with just a few minutes of time.

This Giving Hearts Day, in addition to other charities of your choice, 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. 12th:

- 1) Head to www.givingheartsday.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 2/12/26.*

TLC Sunday School



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Sunday School Program! We had fun “ringing in the reason for the season” with handbells and other types of bells.

First Communion Classes for 5th Graders will be starting soon. If you are interested, contact Pastor Diane by February 8.



Mark your calendars:



Youth-led Sunday: Apr 26th — Sunday School and Confirmation Students will help with worship.



Graduate Recognition: May 3rd — Graduating High School and College students will be recognized during worship.



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

Youth in grades 4-6 from Trinity, Faith, & Our Saviors are invited to this after school program. If you would like your child/children to take part in this fun club, contact Wendi Wilmes (840-3911).

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!

Confirmation Corner **Feb. 2026** **@ TLC, Grades 7-9**

Starting in February, Confirmation classes will be at Trinity Lutheran Church. Same times — 6 p.m. light meal and 6:30-8 p.m. class — Feb 4 and Feb 11.

During Lent, instead of regular class, students are required to attend Wednesday services Feb. 18 through Mar. 25, & Holy Week Services on Apr. 2 & 3. Also, students will take turns helping serve & clean-up for Lenten suppers.

Students anticipating to be confirmed in the Fall of 2026 will choose and meet with a mentor.

Look for an upcoming email with more info. Contact Pastor Diane if you have questions.

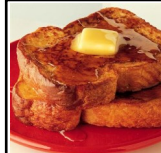
Thank you to all who donated to the “Bucks for Bus Rides” activity held at Trinity in December and January. Thanks to your generosity, TLC received \$720 — which purchased 36 booklets from South Central Transit (10 rides/booklet) for Abused Person Outreach Center to distribute to their clients as needed. What an important gift on these cold, windy days!



Mission Breakfast for **Casa de Fe**

Sunday, February 8th, 2026
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All free-will offering proceeds will benefit an orphanage, Casa de Fe (“house of faith”), in Shell, Ecuador. All are welcome!



Epworth United Methodist Men's **French Toast Brunch**

Sunday, February 22
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults—\$8; Gr. 1-6—\$4
PreK—Free

Menu: French toast, sausage, fruits, assorted syrups, beverage

Proceeds will be used to support
Epworth's Youth Ministries.

MOBILE **FOOD PANTRY**

Tuesday
Feb. 3, 2026
1:30-3 pm

Epworth United Methodist Church, VC
All in need of food assistance are welcome!



Scan the QR Code to find the full Mobile Food Pantry calendar or to volunteer



Great Plains
Food Bank

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026:

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Other members: Kathy Hoefs, Robert Nelson, Gary Botner, Glenn Torgerson; Pr. Diane Krumm

TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING – Highlights from December 16, 2025

Members Present: Diane Kracht, Benda Laub, Glen Torgerson, Kaneia Kinney (Treas) and Pastor Diane Krumm. Absent: Gary Botner, Kathy Hoefs, Robert Nelson, Kim Wittenberg. There were not enough members for a quorum. Information was reviewed with no decisions made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Sunday School Christmas Program (Dec 7th) went well. Classes are on break for the holidays and resume Jan 11, 2026. On Dec. 3, Confirmation students shopped for children in need (using Thrivent funds), assembled treat bags for VCSU and Open Door, and made cards for residents at care center and assisted living. On Dec. 10, they will decorate gift bags for Jamestown correctional center people. Senior High Youth Group is a partnership of Faith, OSLC, Trinity, and Epworth. On Dec. 3, they decorated gift bags for the Jamestown correctional center. Beyond Housing will fill and distribute the bags. Next Meeting – Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 4:45 p.m.

Endowment – Glen – Next Meeting: March 22, 2026, after worship.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda – By the time of the meeting, \$260 had been collected from the “Bucks \$\$\$ for Bus Rides” and donations will continue to be received until January 11. Next Meeting: January 15, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Worship – Kathy – Preparations are being made for the Christmas Eve Service (Dec. 24th at 4 p.m.). Next Meeting: January 8, 2026, at 1 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim – The women are planning a Christmas Tea at the Care Center for Dec. 15. WELCA will host the suppers and soup sales during Lent with proceeds going toward Triennial Fundraising. Next meeting: December 16, 2025.

Property – Gary/Robert – Church boiler pump to sanctuary has been fixed. The Church shingles were fixed. The Church back door bar/lock has been repaired.

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED

In preparation for the Annual Meeting (January 25), a report from the Nominating Committee was discussed. Drafts of the Annual Meeting Agenda and 2026 Budget Proposal were worked on and will be presented at the January council meeting to be reviewed and approved. Pastor Diane briefly shared information on the Bishop Election Nomination Process.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: (Tuesday) January 13, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

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Trinity’s Mission: “Love God... Love Others”

<u>Nov. 2025 Financial:</u>		<u>Dec. 2025 Financial:</u>		<u>Sunday Worship Attendance</u>	
Beg, Balance		Beg, Balance		<u>Dec. 2025</u>	<u>Jan. 2026</u>
(as of 11/01/25):	\$81,882.33	(as of 12/01/25):	\$80,951.68	7th: 68	4th: 45
Income:	\$16,535.39	Income:	\$45,973.43	14th: 45	11th: 46
Expenses:	\$(17,466.04)	Expenses:	\$(15,480.33)	21st: 46	18th: <i>*Canceled</i>
End Balance		End Balance		24th: 120	25th: 35
(as of 11/30/25):	\$80,951.68	(as of 12/31/25):	\$111,444.78	28th: <i>*Canceled</i>	
		Outstanding checks:	\$(10,308.92)	* : Canceled due to weather.	
		Minus J. Anderson	\$(57,185.36)		
		Adjusted Balance:	\$ 43,950.50		

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Sunday School classes resumed Jan 11. Youth-led Sunday will be April 26. Confirmation classes resumed on January 7. Trinity will host Confirmation classes starting in February. We are rearranging the Nursery to serve as another small-group room. Graduate Recognition will be on May 3. Youth Group for grades 10-12 meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at OSLC and the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Epworth. Our students are invited to participate. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5th at 4:45 p.m.

Endowment – Glen: Next Meeting: March 22, 2026, after worship.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: The “Bucks \$\$\$ for Bus Rides” went well – with over \$685 raised (34 books of tickets) for APOC clients. At the next meeting, we will be discussing having a Klub Dinner on Feb 14. Next Meeting: January 15th at 5 p.m.

Worship – Kathy: Christmas Eve Service went well. (It was a very life-like doll that Rachel Johnson carried.) We will be using Setting 4 throughout Epiphany and then switch to Setting 10 for Lent and Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (Feb 18). Pastor Diane will be rotating with pastors from Our Saviors, Faith, and Epworth as we have done before starting with Lent in 2023. It is to be determined how Kathryn, Nome, and Fingal will be included. Next Meeting: March 5th at 1 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim: WELCA is working on updating the work group book. WELCA will host 4 of the 5 Lenten suppers with the free-will offering going to the Triennial Fund. Four Trinity ladies have registered to attend the Triennial Gathering in July. WELCA will be donating benevolent gifts with Giving Hearts Day. Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity WELCA hosted a Christmas Tea at the Care Center on December 15th, which went well. Next meeting: January 20th at Noon.

Property – Gary/Robert: Church boiler pump to sanctuary, church shingles, and church back door bar/lock have been fixed. The Fire Marshall noted that two exit signs need light bulbs replaced. The church fire extinguishers were serviced.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Jeanne Anderson's bequest was tabled until the February meeting. Trinity will continue to acknowledge donations with end of the year contribution statements. We reviewed preparations for the annual meeting.

NEW BUISNESS

The Proposed Budget for 2026 and Annual Meeting Agenda were approved. The fair rental value of the parsonage was set at \$1,200/month. President Diane thanked Kathy for her service on council. (Kathy has completed her term.)

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, February 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

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