



Trinity Tidings

June & July 2026
Newsletter

Trinity Lutheran Church
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“Love God. Love Others.”
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Worship

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

Sunday School

Resumes next fall
(Sept. – April)

Bible Study

Tuesdays:
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
@ TLC library;
meets @ Bridgeview
Est. on second
Tuesday of month @
10 a.m.

Pastor:

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9 a.m. – 3 p.m.,
Tues. – Thurs.
(Closed Mon. & Fri.)

Treasurer/ Expenses

Kanea Kinney

Offering

Secretary

Diane Kracht

Custodians

Jerry & Michelle Dahl



For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

In July, our nation will celebrate its 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. There will be parades and picnics, fireworks and family gatherings – and a host of other ways that we will acknowledge what freedom means to us.

In the letter to the Galatians, Paul urged they embraced the freedom that they had in Christ. Apparently, some members of the church believed that, to become a Christian, non-Jewish people (Gentiles) needed to first become Jews. This would mean following a host of traditions, such as circumcision. Paul explained that God justifies us – not by works of the law – but by Jesus. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. In other words, Jesus sets us free from the powers of sin and death through his life, death, and resurrection. We don't earn God's love. God chooses to love us and claim us as His own.

Yet, Paul made it clear that as we have been freed from, we are also freed to. Jesus frees us from the powers of sin and death, and Jesus frees us to live by the Spirit. Just as a tree produces fruit, we are free to allow the fruits of the Spirit to grow and be shared in our lives. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. All the time and energy we might have spent trying to prove that we are better than others and to earn God's love – we can spend that on genuine acts of love for our neighbor. And what we cannot do on our own – God has promised to guide us and inspire us through the Holy Spirit.

The word “freedom” can mean different things to different people. Freedom for a child might mean staying up past bedtime. Freedom for a teenager might mean taking the car for a spin. Freedom for an adult might mean having a fair chance at a job or being able to have one's beliefs respected or being treated with dignity regardless of one's age, color, etc.

Whatever “freedom” might mean to us, Paul would urge us to remember that our freedom in Christ means we are saved by a loving God and we are called to love like Jesus. As such, freedom is about more than what one individual, or a group of individuals, wants. Freedom is to be freed to serve our neighbor.

As we celebrate this July, may we seek to be good citizens of this nation and God's Kingdom. And may we thank God for the freedom we have in Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane



In Our Thoughts/Prayers:

Fam/Friends of Greg Anderson (Yokoms' friend, died 5/25), F/F of Jonathan Heidorn (Elsner's grandson-in-law; died 5/16); F/F of Mary Jane Collins. Madonna Bacher-Slack, Bea Tait (back issues), Mike Metcalf (stroke), Annitha Plecity (knee surgery), Marleen Pytlik, Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Randy Hoefs (Kathy's bro-in-law), Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband), Nicole Wieser; Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; Eastern ND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon-Leiseth/ELCA Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry; Summer grocery store; Peace.

May 2026 Memorials

WELCA

In memory of **DonnaMae Weis**
Given by Sue Martin

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In memory of **Dawn Jongeward**
Given by Bernard & Edna Elsner

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of **Virginia Sorenson** (mother) & **Hattie Noack** (grandmother)
Given by Holly (Sorenson) Arps



Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly: June 5-7 Holiday Inn, Fargo

Thank you to Jeanne Wobbema, Linda Anderson, and Pastor Diane for their willingness to serve as TLC's voting members to this year's Synod Assembly.

Assembly will be June 5-7, in Fargo. This year's theme will be "Water of Promises, Water of Life".

There will be a synod bishop election and other important business for our life together as the Eastern North Dakota Synod.

The Bible study leader will be Bishop Regina Hassanally from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. Imran Siddiqui, ELCA Vice President, will oversee the bishop election and serve as our churchwide representative.



Summer Office Hours

Beginning first full week in June, office hours will switch to "summer mode" which are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

As always, if you have a pastoral emergency outside of these hours, please call Pr. Diane on the church cell: 840-7548.



Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe Sundays June 14th & July 12th

TLC Dining room

10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
(or until gone)

Free-will offering proceeds benefit the orphans of Casa de Fe orphanage in Shell, Ecuador.



Grief Support for Adults 4th Tuesday of each month at the Legacy Place in VC 10—11 a.m.

Facilitated by Lisa Ochsner,
LBSW/Grief Specialist at HIA Hospice.

For more info, please call (800)237-4629 or
email: grief@hiahealth.org.



Trinity's Council has called for a **special congregational meeting** regarding options for the parsonage. **An informational meeting will be held Sunday, May 31, following the worship service. The congregation will vote on an option during the congregational meeting on Sunday, June 14.**



Blessing of Quilts for Lutheran World Relief



Thank you to Randy & Karen Ladbury for delivering 46 quilts (that TLC ladies created) to LWR drop off site in Fargo!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School was held May 26, 27, and 28 -- 12:30 pm to 5 pm – at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church for students going into grades K-6. Our theme this year was "Rainforest Falls:

Exploring the Nature of God." Set in a tropical rainforest, we learned that God knows all about us, God is our refuge, and God is love. Our time included Bible lessons, music, crafts, and imagination.

Trinity’s Endowment Fund covered Trinity’s share of the cost – no charge to families.

(VBS is a collaborative effort of Faith, Our Savior’s, and Trinity Lutheran.)

Confirmation Corner @ TLC, Grades 7-9



While we break for the summer, students who have not completed expectations for this school year (e.g. worship notes & leadership activities) are to finish those as soon as possible.

A BIG thank you to Rebecca Westman for being an adult leader, to parents for their support, and to students for their participation this past year.

Confirmation classes will resume in September – with more info available in August. ***Tentative date for Confirmation Sunday is October 25, 2026.***



This summer Red Willow Ministries welcomes campers back to a place filled with joy, adventure, friendship, and faith! This year's theme, "Wear Love", is inspired by Colossians 3:12–14. Campers will explore how to "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, calmness, steadfastness, and forgiveness in their daily lives. Come ready to grow, play, laugh, and Wear Love!

Find details about each week at:
redwillowministries.com/camps

To register online:
<https://rwm.campbrainregistration.com>

Through the generosity of TLC Endowment Fund, camp scholarships are available! Contact TLC office to get the scholarship code and more details.



Attention all current 7-12 graders!

You are invited to go on a 2 day trip to Minneapolis July 20-21, 2026, where we will volunteer at Feed My Starving Children, Global Health

Ministries, and enjoy time together at Valleyfair!

If you are interested in going on this trip or have any questions, please sign up by contacting OSLC Youth Coordinator, Kyla Fetsch, at youth.oursaviorsvc@outlook.com.

Cost of the trip is \$100, however, fundraising opportunities will be available to help cover costs so please let Kyla know if you are interested in that.

Congrats to the Graduates!



High school grads (L to R): Chloee Wieser, Georgia Zaun, Mara Crowe, Kellen Westman, & Carson Johnson (not pictured: Brenan Anderson, Collin Compson)



Graduating from college:

Shaunn Wieser (pictured to the left), from NDSCS, with an Associates degree in Diesel Mechanics.

Lucas Compson-Lorenz from NDSCS with an Associates of Applied Science degree in Automotive Technology.

Congrats to **Drew Zaun** on earning his Journeyman Electrician licensure this spring!

On Sunday, May 3rd, all graduates were recognized and a quilt was gifted to them by TLC Quilters.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



Red Willow - Traveling Quilt
at Trinity Lutheran, Valley City
Raffle Ticket Sale, Sunday, June 14

Raffle Tickets
are \$10 each.

Raffle drawing will be hold on
Sunday, August 22 during the
Red Willow Quilt Auction
at Red Willow Bible Camp,
Binford, ND. Come join us for
the live drawing!



About the Raffle Quilt

Lakota Star
Pattern

donated
by family of the late
Janice Thykeson

Your purchase supports the work of Red Willow Ministries!

**Sheyenne Valley
Memory Café**

Thursday, June 25, 2026
1-3 p.m. @ Faith Luth. Church
"Well Being" presented by Teri Udem



Connect with others experiencing dementia or are caregivers of loved ones experiencing dementia to connect & learn of resources.

For more info, call City -County Health @ (701)845-8518.



*The Woman
God Sees*
June 12-13, 2026 @
4:00 p.m.
Homeward Barn, VC
Inspirational
Speaker:
Terri Thayer

Women of all ages are invited to an inspiring event all about discovering what God truly sees in you. Connect, reflect, and walk away empowered! Expect intimate worship, meaningful talks, uplifting moments, and a welcoming atmosphere.

The theme for this year is J.O.Y. (Jesus, Others, Yourself). You'll learn how to live as a person God actually sees, not our mirror reflection.

Registration deadline is June 5th, and is available through Eventbrite. Cost is \$100, which covers 4 catered meals, snacks, group activities, and event overhead. For questions, call Andrea Hager @ (701)490-2063.

Eventbrite link for location info & registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-woman-god-sees-registration-1984931327032>.



**Bridges Backpack Program
&
Hi-Liner Pantry
are offering a
FREE Summer Grocery
Store!**



Come & Shop!

Who: For ALL ages

When: Wednesday evenings,
June 3 – Aug. 5

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Where: Valley City High School
(Enter the school through door W6, and
it will be the first door on the right.)

CROP Walk 2026

On May 6th, the Confirmation kids & community members (150 kids & adults) participated in VC's Crop Hunger Walk. While walking the Jefferson mile, participants learned about hunger/poverty and ways to end hunger one step at a time. Thank you to TLC members for raising over \$700 for the Walk. This amount could be used by Church World Service to build latrines for 4 families or build 5 water wells or provide 20 refugees groceries for a month. *(TLC's donation was combined with other donations. A final total will be available later. 25% of donations will be given to local food pantries; 75% goes to Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just & sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, & disaster.)*



There were various booths located on the Walk related to hunger & health manned by various church groups in VC, including TLC, who gave info about sanitation systems (see above picture of TLC Outreach Cmte: Brenda Laub & Pr. Diane). Thanks to all who participated or gave a donation!

Celebrating 30 Years of Music ... Summer of 2026



Music in the City Park Bands Bell

Wednesday Evenings @ 7:15 pm

City Park, 440 4th St. SW, Valley City, ND

- June 3** Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band, Fargo
- June 10** Project Constellation, Grand Forks
- June 17** The Original Buffalo Alice Band
- June 24** El Zagal "Imperials" Big Band, Fargo
- July 1** Oakland Grove, Valley City
- July 8** Masjo Sisters, Valley City
- July 15** Kohlabri Soup, Fargo
- July 22** F-M Golden Notes, Fargo-Moorhead
- July 29** Norsky Brothers, Fargo
- August 5** Karma, Valley City
- August 12** Greg Hager, Valley City

A freewill offering is taken each week to support the handshell & Music in the Park. Due to inclement weather, programs will be moved to VCSU Robinson Center of the Arts. Listen to KOVC 1490 ... or follow info@bridgesarts.org.

Special thanks to the sponsors who help make Music in the Park possible ...



Myron Sommerfeld family



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Council on the Arts

This project is supported in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Summer Afternoons

In the Pioneer Park Amphitheatre

Sunday afternoons @ 5:30 pm

Pioneer Park, 800 4th St. NW

Bring your lawn chairs/blankets. A freewill offering will be taken each week. Due to weather, we will move to the Vault on Central.

- June 28** - Joseph DeMasi, singer/songwriter, Valley City
- July 5** - Comedy Show featuring Jenny Lou Russi
- July 12** - Kolby Tangen, acoustic music, Fargo
- July 19** - Kingen Accordion Band, Fargo
- July 26** - Dennis Warner, singer/song writer, folk music
- August 2** - 12 String Guitar Jazz Duo

Special Thanks to our sponsors ...

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Peggy Lee Day in Valley City

Friday, June 19th: 7 p.m. program

VCSU Fine Arts Center

Featuring the Myron Sommerfeld Band with vocalist Miss Bonnie Lynn, along with special guests Joe DeMasi and Maddie Klabo.

FREE to the public! Plus, 2 free floral door prize drawings, free coffee & ice cream!

Please bring food items for the Barnes County Food Pantry. For more info, call (701)845-1777.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026:

Council President: Diane Kracht **Vice Pres.:** Kim Wittenberg **Secretary:** Linda Westby
Other members: Brenda Laub, Robert Nelson, Gary Botner, Glenn Torgerson

May 12, 2026 Council Highlights:

Members Present: Gary Botner, Diane Kracht, Brenda Laub, Robert Nelson, Glen Torgerson, Linda Westby, Kim Wittenberg, Kaneia Kinney (Treasurer) and Pastor Diane Krumm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Sunday School and Confirmation classes are on break for the summer. Confirmation students are doing well with this year’s requirements. A tentative date for Confirmation Sunday is October 25. VBS will be May 26-28 at Our Savior’s. Next Meeting – TBA

Endowment – Glen: Next Meeting: September 20th after worship.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: The offering for May’s \$5 on the 5th Sunday will go to Bridges Summer Grocery Store (*see info in this newsletter*). Trinity Lutheran donated \$722 to Valley City’s CROP Hunger Walk. Trinity’s booth focused on the importance of access to and the construction of sanitary latrines. We might assemble Blessing Bags to be distributed this summer. Next Meeting: August 13th at 5 p.m.

Worship – Linda: Easter Sunday (Apr 5), Holy Humor Sunday (Apr 12), Youth-led Sunday (Apr 26), and Church Musician Appreciation (Apr 26) all went well. Plans were made for Pentecost Sunday (May 24) and Christmas in July Service (July 26). Bumpa’s Ice Cream will be visiting on July 26. In July, we will sing a different National Song from the hymnal in honor of our nation’s 250th Anniversary. Next Meeting: Aug. 6th at 1 pm.

Women (WELCA) – Kim: WELCA thanks the congregation and Endowment Committee for their wonderful support to help cover expenses for 4 Trinity members to attend the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in July. The updated funeral booklets are printed and available from Rochelle. Faith, Our Savior’s, and Trinity women hosted a Mother’s Day Tea at St. Raphael’s on May 8. Quilts will be sent off to Lutheran World Relief mid-May. Quilters meet on Wednesdays at 9am. Several “new” people have joined. Everyone is welcome. A reminder to shop for school kits supplies at sales this summer. Next meeting: May 17th at Noon.

Property – Gary/Robert: Gary shared a quote on sidewalk and parsonage driveway – no action taken. The steeple area was repaired – apparently wind had opened a section.

BUSINESS

Jeanne Wobbema will be substituting for Patty Beil as a voting member to this year’s synod assembly. Patty has had a family commitment come up.

The council did a walk-through of the parsonage and had a spring outside clean-up day. The council voted to call for an informational meeting on May 31 to discuss the parsonage moving forward and a congregational vote on the June 14.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (Tuesday) June 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

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



Worship Attendance for May 2026

3rd: 70	24th: 43
10th: 47	31st:
17th: 38	

April 2026 Financial:

Beg. Balance (as of 4/01/26):	\$ 40,455.20
Income:	\$ 9,707.94
Expenses:	<u>\$(18,689.89)</u>
End Balance (as of 4/30/26):	\$ 31,473.25
Outstanding checks:	\$(10,930.89)
Outstanding deposits	<u>\$ 0</u>
Adjusted Balance:	\$20,542.36