



Trinity Tidings

May 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

Kindg – 6th grade
9-9:45 a.m.
(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:

Rev. Diane Krumm
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Rochelle Triebold
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Mon. – Thurs.
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Kaneaia Kinney

Offering

Secretary

Diane Kracht

Custodians

Jerry & Michelle Dahl



The Lord God says, “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

This past school year – in Confirmation class and our newsletter articles – we have looked at the Lord’s Prayer. We come now to the close of the prayer: “For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.”

Sometimes when I reflect on this portion of the Lord’s Prayer, I can hear a soloist singing the prayer – voice rising in volume and pitch. Other times, I recall a high school classmate describing how he and the rest of the football team prayed in the locker room before each game. The coach led them, and as they came to the close of the prayer, they got louder and louder until they shouted with all their strength, “Amen,” and ran down the hallway and onto the field.

Whether our thoughts echo with the sound of a soloist or a group of football players, this portion of the prayer is like a crescendo – raising us above our individual selves. If we haven’t understood what we have been asking for, this portion gives us additional perspective. We prayed “our Father” and were reminded that God is the one who chooses and claims us – we don’t get to decide who God loves. God’s name is to be hallowed (honored, revered); God’s Kingdom is to come; and God’s Will is to be done – not ours. God is the one who provides bread and all that is needed for life; God forgives; and God delivers us. The kingdom, power, and glory – they all belong to God. God is God, and we are not.

God does not abandon us. God does not leave us to our own devices. God has promised to strengthen, guide, and love us. God has promised to be our God. So, yes, the kingdom, the power, and the glory are God’s forever & ever.

In something like the football locker room scene, as we come to the close of the Lord’s Prayer, we are being sent out into the world – to play hard on God’s team and to live out the words we have prayed.

As we are mindful of those who are graduating this spring, we ask for God’s blessings on the close of this chapter and the entry into a new one. We pray that they might experience the love and grace of God in their lives. We pray that, in whatever comes next for them, they might believe that they are God’s beloved children – now and always.

God’s Blessings to all,
Pastor Diane

 **In Our Thoughts/Prayers:**
Fam/Friends of: DonnaMae Weis (died 3/31), Dawn Jongeward (died 4/25; funeral on 5/02);
 Bea Tait (back issues), Mike Metcalf (stroke), Greg Anderson (Yokoms' friend; brain tumor), 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; Graduates; Peace.

April 2026 Memorials

GENERAL


In memory of **DonnaMae Weis**
 Given by Jerry & Julie Yokom, Bruce & Diane Kracht, Shawn & Kim Wittenberg, Roger & Rochelle Triebold, the Westman family

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In memory of **DonnaMae Weis**
 Given by Bernard & Edna Elsner

QUILTERS


In memory of **Margaret Heise**
 Given by Ruth Triebold

 **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.

SANFORD HEALTH BETTER CHOICES
 BETTER HEALTH
 Chronic Pain Workshop
 Wednesdays, May 6—June 10; 2 pm

Sanford Health is offering a weekly workshop for anyone living with chronic pain. These workshops are offered at no cost, and are offered online via Zoom. To register: call (701) 417-4905 or by email: bcbh@sanfordhealth.org.

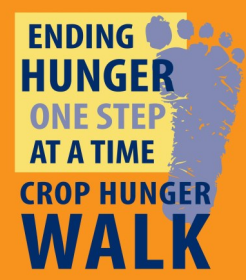
 **Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly: June 5-7**
Holiday Inn, Fargo

Thank you to Patty Beil, 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.

 **Wednesday, May 6, 2026**
7 p.m.
Jefferson Elem. School
Valley City

Walk the Jefferson Mile.
 Learn about the Impact of Hunger & Poverty.

Help end hunger one step at a time.
 25% of donations will benefit our local food pantries. 75% are sent to Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster.

 Due to the second Sunday in May being Mother's Day (5/10), there will be NO Mission Breakfast this month.

 **Great Plains**
Mobile Food Distribution
Tuesday, May 5
1:30—3 p.m.
Parking lot of Epworth Methodist Church
680 8th Ave. SW, Valley City
 All in need of food assistance are welcome to receive food at no cost!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth-Led Sunday was on April 26. The Sunday School students greeted, ushered, played "Jesus Loves Me" on the handbells, and led us in the Prayers of Intercession (which they wrote). Confirmation students read the lessons and acolyted.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Sunday School this year – including Patty Beil, Michelle Carlblom, Kathy Hoefs, Diane Kracht, Chloee Wieser, Bently Wieser, Kim Wittenberg, Jeanne Wobbema, and Pastor Diane.

Special thank you to Rebecca Westman for all her work with Kids Club and Confirmation classes.



VBS: May 26—28, 2026
12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Students going into
grades K-6

Our theme this year is "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God." Our time will include Bible lessons, music, crafts, and imagination. Trinity's Endowment Fund covers Trinity's share of the cost, so there is no charge to families.

To register: scan the QR code, look for the email that was sent out with the VBS Registration link, or contact Wendi Wilmes.



VBS is a collaborative effort of Faith, Our Savior's, & Trinity Lutheran.



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.

Confirmation Corner **@ TLC, Grades 7-9**



We are drawing to a close of classes for this school year. Thank you to Rebecca Westman for being an adult leader, parents for their support & students for their participation.

Our last activity together for this school year will be the CROP Walk. Students are to meet at Jefferson Elementary School on May 6th at 6:30 p.m. (No meal will be provided.) Put on your walking shoes and be prepared to walk the Jefferson mile and to learn about hunger/poverty. This event is open to the community and is a fundraiser – with 25% of funds raised fighting hunger locally and 75% world-wide. Please bring a donation to share.

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.

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



RED WILLOW
MINISTRIES



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.

Celebrating our Graduates on Sunday, May 3 @ TLC



Brenan Anderson
MVHS

Future plans:
Attend Northern State University for Business Management degree.



Mara Crowe
VCHS

Future plans:
Attend VCSU and work part time.



Carson Johnson
VCHS

Future plans:
Attend UND for Psychology degree.



Kellen Westman
VCHS

Future plans:
Attend NDSU for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology degree.



Chloe Wieser
VCHS

Future plans:
Attend University of Jamestown for Nursing degree.



Georgia Zaun
VCHS

Future plans:
Attend UND



*“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*

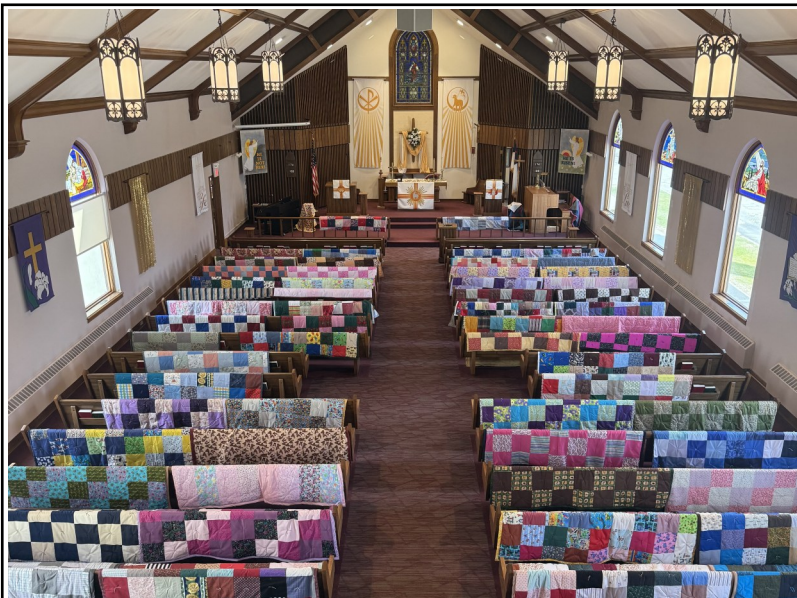
Lucas Compson-Lorenz
Graduating from NDSCS Wahpeton with an Associates of Applied Science degree in Automotive Technology. He will begin working at Puklich GMC in VC as an Automotive Technician.

W.E. Erickson Scholarship applications may now be picked up in the church office for college students. Eligibility requirements are:

- Active member of Trinity Lutheran Church (student and/or parents).
- Good academic standing (GPA minimum of 2.5).
- Enrolled in University or Technical College.
- Preference given to enrolled Christian Ministry students.
- Students must have completed one academic year to be eligible.
- Undergraduates may renew the scholarship one time, with preference given to first time applicants.
- 10 hours of church/community service (within 12 months) which has been verified by a supervisor through phone call or email/letter.



Completed applications should be dropped off in TLC office by May 20, 2026.



Blessing of Quilts, May 3:

TLC Quilters have worked all year creating beautiful quilts to be shipped out to those in need all over the world, via Lutheran World Relief. We appreciate the following TLC'ers for their creativity and dedication coming to TLC every Wednesday morning: Sue Martin, Susan Smith, Karen Ladbury, Rose Wendt, Linda Westby, Jill Hanson, and Annitha Plecity.

Most quilts will be shipped out, some stay local, & a limited number will also be available for sale (\$50 minimum for full size quilt; \$30 for baby size quilt). If you'd like to purchase a quilt for yourself or as a gift (think Mother's/Father's Day or graduation gifts!), stop in at the church by Mother's Day/May 10th.



Spring Treasure Sale Fri., May 1: 1-4 p.m. Sat., May 2: 8:30 a.m.—noon Hosted by OSLC WELCA

Come check out the treasures — kitchen, household, toys, holiday décor, storage, furniture, luggage, & much more!

Rolls, coffee, & juice in the small dining room on Saturday. Free-will offering will go to WELCA projects & activities.



Good Samaritan Quilters will also have quilts for sale. Several sizes & colors! Great gifts for graduation, baby showers, & more!

Spring Mother's Day Tea

Friday, May 8 at 1 p.m., at St. Raphael
Come have tea with our TLC'ers (Luetta, Madonna, Bev & Clarice) residing at St. Raphael! All are welcome.
This is a collaborative event of TLC/Faith/OSLC.



SMP Health
St. Raphael

As part of an ongoing commitment to create a welcoming and spiritually nurturing environment, the Sheyenne Valley Chaplaincy Committee has proposed a beautiful new initiative: creating a religious décor fund to welcome residents when they come to St. Raphael.

The items will reflect peace, hope, and the presence of God. Each resident will have a coordinated décor set, and residents may choose to keep the items or replace them with their own. If not used, the décor will be respectfully stored for future residents.

Sponsorship Selections:

- \$25 Sponsor a Cross or Crucifix
- \$25 Sponsor a Religious Art item
- \$75 Sponsor a Resident Room Décor set
- Other Monetary Donations are accepted.

If you would like to help financially support this project, you can mail your donation to:
SMP Health — St. Raphael

979 Central Ave. N.
Valley City, ND 58072
(Make check payable to SVCC)

For more info, contact Pr. Dave Montecuello, Committee President of Sheyenne Valley Chaplaincy Committee (701-890-6227)



Pancake Brunch Fundraiser @ Faith Sunday, May 17, 2026 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Pancakes, fried potatoes, sausage, applesauce, coffee & juice. Free-will donation.
To-go containers available.

This fundraiser hosted by
Faith Lutheran Men's Group

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

April 14, 2026 Council Highlights:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Youth-led Sunday will be Apr 26th and Graduate Recognition on May 3. Vacation Bible School (Faith, OSLC, and Trinity) will be May 26-28, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Landon Carlblom received his first communion on April 2. Confirmation Classes will be at Trinity – Apr 15, 22, and 29. On May 6, confirmation students will participate in Valley City’s Annual CROP Hunger Walk. Next Meeting: TBA

Endowment – Glen: 2026 Officers are: President—Linda Anderson and Secretary/Treasurer —Alex Wittenberg. Endowment Committee voted to distribute \$1,700 towards registration for 3 TLC youth and one adult TLC member attending Camp Metigoshe (Bottineau) in July; \$2,000 to WELCA to help Trinity members attending the Triennial Gathering in July in Des Moines, Iowa; up to \$500 for Trinity’s share of VBS; and to cover the registration fees for any Trinity member attending Red Willow Bible Camp this summer and/or the Castaway Retreat in the fall. Next Meeting: September 20th after worship.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: March’s \$5 on the 5th Sunday offering went to Central African Republic. Pastor Diane and several Trinity members assembled Easter Treat Bags (March 29) and did a craft with Open Door clients (March 31). Trinity will have a booth at Valley City Annual CROP Hunger Walk on May 6. Next Meeting: April 30th at 5 p.m.

Worship – Linda: During the season of Easter, we will have communion each Sunday. “Christmas in July” Service will be July 26. Next Meeting: April 30th at 1 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim: WELCA has raised over \$2,200 towards the cost of 4 Trinity members attending the Triennial (July in Des Moines). Work groups have been updated and will be given to chairpersons soon. The Spring Roundup (near Wahpeton) is on April 17. Next meeting: April 21st at Noon.

Property – Gary/Robert: Gary has asked for a quote on sidewalk and parsonage driveway, but he has not received it yet. We are waiting to hear if there will be a cost for labor to replace the church’s small boiler. (Boiler itself was covered in the warranty.) The sewer drain at the parsonage was rooted out.

BUSINESS

Thank you to Gary, Glen, Kim, and Patty (as Diane Kracht’ designee) for attending the Jamestown Conference meeting on March 28th as part of the synod bishop nomination process. Trinity now has a credit card with Dacotah Bank. Trinity Lutheran will sponsor a resident room décor (\$75) for St. Raphael’s Care Center. (More info on this project is available elsewhere in this newsletter.)

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: May 12th @ 6:30 p.m.

Members of the E.L.C.A.:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Trinity’s Mission “Love God...Love Others”

Worship Attendance for April 2026

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| 5th: 72 | 19th: 51 |
| 12th: 37 | 26th: 62 |

March 2026 Financial:

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| Beg. Balance (as of 3/01/26): | \$ 42,770.72 |
| Income: | \$ 14,986.59 |
| Expenses: | <u>\$(17,302.11)</u> |
| End Balance (as of 3/31/26): | \$ 40,455.20 |
| Outstanding checks: | \$(10,211.32) |
| Outstanding deposits | <u>\$ 0</u> |
| Adjusted Balance: | \$30,243.88 |

Spring Clean up at the Parsonage

Thank you to TLCers & Council for helping spruce up the parsonage yard on April 29th: Bruce & Diane Kracht, Glen & Judy Torgerson, Kim Wittenberg, Rob Nelson, & Gary Botner

Projects completed:

- Trimmed bushes & trees
- Cleaned flowerbeds
- Removed patio
- Removed fence
- Fixed railing on front step
- Put down mulch & edging
- Removed some edging and mulch
- Cleaned leaves in parking lot
- Mowed



National Day of Prayer May 7, 2026, 12:15 - 12:45pm Barnes County Courthouse Lawn

Join faith leaders as we pray for:
*families, schools, faith communities,
businesses, government employees &
elected leaders, and this beautiful land.*

Lunch sponsor, LeEVERS:
(Free will donations accepted)

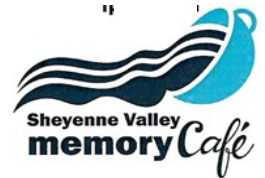


**Hot Dogs, Chips,
Watermelon,
and Bottled Water**

We give thanks for the freedom that every person is guaranteed the Right to pray and worship in their own faith traditions.

hosted by the
Barnes County Ministerial Association

**Sheyenne Valley
Memory Café**
Thursday, May 28, 2026
1-3 p.m. @ Faith Luth. Church



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

For more information, contact City -County Health @ (701)845-8518.



**Faith Lutheran
Church
Spring Rummage Sale**
Friday, May 29th:
9 a.m.—5 p.m.
Saturday, May 30th:
8 a.m.—1 p.m.

Proceeds benefit Faith Lutheran Church General fund