

TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING – Highlights from August 11, 2026

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 will begin on September 20th with Rally Sunday and presentation of Bibles to the 3rd Graders. We need more teachers and helpers. Confirmation will again be held with Faith and OSLC – meeting Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. and rotating locations among the 3 churches – beginning on September 9. Three youth and an adult from Trinity attended a Confirmation Camp at Metigoshe in July. Christian Ed will contribute \$500 towards activities we share with Faith Lutheran for 2026-2027. Castaway Retreat will be Sept 25-27, 2026. The ELCA Youth Gathering will be June 28 – July 2, 2027, in Minneapolis. Next Meeting: Oct 6th at 4 p.m.

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

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: Trinity members served at the Summer Grocery Store on July 8 and 22. Pastor Diane is helping to lead a “Faith and Fun” group at Open Door’s Activity Center on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group is interested in making Blessing Bags for members to give to unhoused/unemployed individuals. August’s \$5 on the 5th Sunday is designated for Lutheran Disaster Response. Next Meeting: August 13th at 5 p.m.

Worship – Linda: Christmas in July Service was on July 26. Bumpa’s Ice Cream had treats after worship – which hit the spot on

a very hot summer day. Next Meeting: August 12th at 1 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim: A reminder to shop for school kits supplies at sales this summer. Four women attended the WELCA Triennial Gathering in Des Moines in July. They are planning on sharing about their experience. Gift baskets for the fall festival need to be donated by the first part of October. The Coffee Maker has been purchased and will be installed soon. Next meeting: August 18th at Noon.

Property – Gary/Robert – nothing to report.

BUSINESS

An offer has been received for the parsonage, and, assuming the remaining steps go through, the council hopes to close on the sale on or before September 1. A Big Thank You to everyone who got the parsonage ready for sale.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (Tuesday)
September 8th @ 6:30 p.m.

July 2026 TLC Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 7/01/26):	\$20,112.05
Income:	\$32,653.80
Expenses:	<u>\$18,646.07</u>
Ending Balance (as of 7/31/26):	\$34,121.34
Outstanding Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Outstanding Checks:	\$10,590.13
Adjusted Balance:	\$23,531.21

August 2026 Worship Attendance @ TLC:

2nd: **29** 9th: **59** 16th: **39** 23rd: **50** 30th: **46**

The council is pleased to share that the parsonage has been sold. The closing date was August 28. The council will schedule an informational meeting with the congregation and will share more information at that time. Thank you to everyone who has been part of building and tending to the parsonage over the last 60+ years. Special thanks to the council members for their wisdom and work to get the house ready for sale and completing all the necessary steps.



On September 20th, we begin a new year of Sunday School at Trinity!!! The year kicks off with Rally Sunday on September 20th with crafts and assembling school kits for Lutheran World

Relief. During worship, 3rd Graders will receive their Bibles.

Sunday School classes will be from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Room (downstairs, near the kitchen) for Grades K-6, using a one-room format. Our focus will be on Old Testament stories and the Ten Commandments.

More information and a schedule were emailed in August. If you have not already done so, please register as soon as possible – by replying to the email. If you did not receive the email or have any questions, please contact Pastor Diane or the church office.

A BIG thank you to those who have volunteered to teach, help, and/or sub this year: Patty Beil, Michelle, Carlblom, Kathy Hoefs, Diane Kracht, Kim Wittenberg, Jeanne Wobbema, and Pastor Diane.



Castaway Club

Three youth from Trinity and others from our area will be attending Castaway Club (Grades 6-10) in Detroit Lakes, MN – September 25-27. Castaway Club is an opportunity for youth from Eastern ND Synod to experience worship, music, and activities centered around youth and their faith. Let's keep them in our prayers for a safe, fun, and inspiring time together.



Grades 10-12 Youth meet on the first & third Wednesdays (beginning 9/16) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, from 7:30-9 p.m. To stay up to date with activities, join us on

the Spond app with code SSSZZ.

FYI, Sr. High Lunch has moved to MONDAYS (beginning 9/14) at OSLC (previously Fridays).



The confirmation program for Trinity, Faith, and

Our Savior's Lutheran Congregations begins with a **Parent & Student Meeting on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Faith.**

Classes will be held most Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. The program is for students in Grades 7-9. Thank you to Rebecca Westman for volunteering to be a small group leader. We could use additional leaders. If interested, please contact Pr. Diane. This year's focus is the Old Testament. An email was sent out with more info and the schedule. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Diane.



Faith Kids Club is open to all

students who are entering 4th-6th grade this school year.

Faith Kids Club is where we will learn God's Word and what great things He has in store for us!

Faith Kids Club will start off the school year on Wednesday, September 9th!

Faith Kids Club is an afterschool program that meets every Wednesday at Faith Lutheran Church. Registered students are picked up by Wendi Wilmes (Faith Lutheran Youth Coordinator) after school at 3:15 pm from Washington School. Parents pick up their children at 5 pm from Faith Lutheran.

The kids will have a snack, play games, crafts, projects, learn Bible lessons, have discussion time, and pray together. We DO have lots of fun together! We also have service projects each month, and we try to do some fun outings throughout the year too!

Registration forms were emailed to TLC families on Aug. 13th. Please complete registration forms by no later than Sept. 3rd.

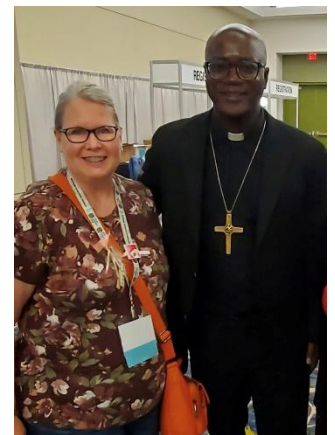
It is important to have the registration forms completed and on file so that Wendi has permission to transport your child! Plus, Faith's insurance requests that the emergency form be on file. If you have any questions, please reach out to Wendi Wilmes via email at: wendi.wilmes@gmail.com.



Pictures from
the Triennial

Above: Linda,
Jeanne, Sue,
and Patty

At Right:
Linda and
Presiding
Bishop Yehiel
Curry



Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering

Linda Anderson, Patty Beil, Sue Martin, and Jeanne Wobbema attended the Women's Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, IA, July 16-19. They extend their heartfelt thanks to the TLC family for helping make this meaningful trip possible.

Gathering with Women from Across the Country

We joined 25 women from Eastern North Dakota, Western North Dakota, Western Minnesota, and Montana, along with nearly 1,500 women from across the United States. Each day began with Bible study and continued with guest speakers who reminded us that we are worthy as Christian women and as women in every part of life.

Lessons and Reflections

We heard stories about hardships and difficult realities faced by people in other parts of the world. We were reminded that women need to know their worth and rejoice in the truth that we are worthy. We also reflected on the value of women not only in motherhood, but also in our families, churches, and communities.

An Unexpected Fire Alarm

We also learned how quickly 1,500 people can evacuate when a fire alarm goes off. The alarm was not planned and turned out to be false, but with temperatures well over 90 degrees outside, we were grateful the wait lasted only about 15 minutes before we were allowed to return.

With Gratitude

Throughout the gathering, we were treated with great respect by the hotel staff, shuttle drivers, and the Des Moines community. Most of all, we are thankful that you, our Trinity family, believed this trip was worthwhile and supported us through your gifts. You are worthy of our thanks, and we are grateful to each of you.





In our Thoughts & Prayers:

Fam/Friends of Jolene Brown (died on 8/11); Michelle Carlblom (spinal injury), Bernie Walters, Bernadette Botner, Sharon Anundson, Tim Yokom (Jerry's bro), Marleen Pytlik, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Bea Tait, Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband); Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; EaND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon-Leiseth/ELCA Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry; Lutheran World Relief; Peace.



School kit items for LWR (Lutheran World Relief)

We are currently collecting school kit items for Lutheran World Relief. Please drop off the items below to TLC by 9/30:

- Pens (blue or black ballpoint; no gel pens)
- Scissors (blunt-ended only)
- Crayons (16 or 24 count)
- Eraser (2 1/2" size)
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler (with inches & centimeters)
- *We have enough notebooks, pencils, & drawstring backpacks this year.*



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

*Please do not donate items with these symbols:
religious, military (including flag/camouflage),
or group names.*



**Sheyenne Valley
Memory Café**
Thursday, Sept. 24th
1-3 p.m. @ Faith Luth.
(Doors open @ 1 p.m.)

Featured Speaker: Jerry Ness, Woodcarver & Storyteller. This is a free and supportive space for individuals with memory loss and their care partners to connect, enjoy social activities, and learn practical tips. For more info, call City-County Health District @ (701)845-8518.



Mark your calendars for upcoming events happening at Trinity...



Sunday, Oct. 11th: Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We celebrate and give thanks for Pr. Diane during the month of October, which is Pastor Appreciation Month. We appreciate her each and every day of the year!



Sunday, October 25th: Join us this day in celebration of TLC's affirming their baptism.



Thursday, November 5th, 2026:
Vitalant Blood Drive @ TLC,
12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

More details to come about booking your donation appointment!

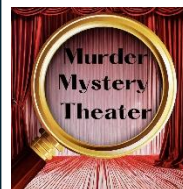


Saturday, Nov. 7th: TLC Fall Festival

Like last year, the ladies will be having the Casserole

Extravaganza, Bake Sale, & Gift Baskets. For those donating gift baskets, we will be doing things a little differently this year. We ask that you bring a gift basket with a monetary value of no more than \$30. Please mark your basket with the value. Instead of \$1 ticket chances (which we did in year's past), gift baskets will be sold as marked.

New this year is a Craft Sale! If you have any kind of craft that you're willing to donate, we would welcome those!



Sunday, Nov. 15th:
Murder Mystery Theater @
Trinity Luth. Church, 2:00 p.m.
"Murder is a Fine Art"
Stay tuned for more info!



**Mission Breakfast for
Casa de Fe**

Sunday, Sept. 13th
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(or until gone)

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



Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church
499 4th Ave. NW
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(701)845-3837

September 2026 Newsletter

"Love God. Love Others."

Email: trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com

Website: www.trinitylutheran-valleycity.org

Worship

Sundays,
10 a.m.

Holy
Communion the
first & third
Sundays

Sunday School

Kindg – 6th gr.
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.)

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Rochelle
Trieboald
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Mon. – Thurs.
(Closed on
Fridays)

Treasurers

Kaneia Kinney
Diane Kracht



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

This school year, both Trinity's Sunday School and Confirmation students will be focusing on stories for the Old Testament. In these books, we read of a God who is faithful to his promises and continually calling his people to walk in God's ways. Our Confirmation curriculum refers to the people in the Bible as our ancestors – if not by blood, then by faith. We see ourselves in their stories as they struggle with their humanity and as they lean into a God who abounds in love. We hear God's promises to them and come to see that we are part of a long history of God's people.

As we begin the school year, you might find these "facts" about the Old Testament quite interesting:

- Parts of the Old Testament were originally written in Hebrew and other in Aramaic.
- The Old Testament is often divided into four sections:
 - The Law: Genesis – Deuteronomy
 - History: Joshua – Esther
 - Wisdom: Job – Song of Songs
 - Prophets: Isaiah – Malachi
- The Old Testament stories begin with creation and continue through to around 300 years before Jesus was born.
- Two of the most important covenants (promises) that God makes with humanity in the Old Testament are to bless all people through the descendants of Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 12:1-3) and to establish the throne of David forever (II Samuel 7:1-17).
- For Jesus and the Early Church, the Old Testament was the Bible. (The Books of the New Testament were not written down until after Jesus' death and resurrection.) In recognition of this, these books are sometimes called the Hebrew Bible.
- How many books are in the Old Testament? That depends. In Roman Catholic Bibles, there are 46 books. In Protestant Bibles, there are only 39 books considered to be part of the Old Testament – with the other 7 books called the Apocrypha. During the Reformation, Martin Luther and others decided to only include the books that Jewish people used as Scripture in their Hebrew Bible. The Reformers viewed these 7 other books as good for devotional reading – but not quite on the same level as the other books.

The Old Testament was written thousands of years before us, and it covers a long period of the history of God's people. Yet the Old Testament is also "new" because God continues to speak to us through these books. So, let's take time this year in our personal devotions to read about our faith ancestors: Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham & Sarah, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Deborah, Samson, David, Solomon, Ruth, Elijah, Daniel, Jonah, and others. And while we do this, may we hear the word that God has for us today.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane