

Trinity Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Pen October 2025



Dear Friends,

I am so pleased when I see people helping each other and being tolerant of those with differing opinions. I see how welcoming you are on Sundays and out in the community. Unfortunately, there are those who are less than gracious and inclusive. A word of caution: pay attention and be alert to red flags of division that are growing.

When you hear someone using words that are vague such as 'they' or 'those' or 'them' - ask who are the 'they'. Ask - what do they mean? What are they implying? I hear things that demonize those who are not of the same thinking that they are. Words that dehumanize certain groups of people, making them less-than-human, less valuable, less wanted, people who are not worth their time - be it their culture, race, orientation, or their color. Even among Christians there is divisive rhetoric; some claiming to be Christians but who differentiate themselves from other believers, thinking themselves more righteous or better, claiming things like: "they are not us," creating a lesser Christian category. A few even hint that those who are not with us are against us - enemies. All this is wrong and can lead to making the 'thems' less important to help, and may lead to targeting the 'thems' as scape goats. Adam blamed Eve for his own sin. Are we not all sinners and less than perfect? Pay attention! And don't fall into that kind of thinking.

Galatians 3:28 says: "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." *There should be no "us" or "them."* Jesus asks us to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, protect the meek. Jesus wasn't focused on simply staying pure, nor above; he didn't separate himself from others. Jesus comes to us, and is focused on reaching out and saving people. His hands made mud and gave sight. He ate with sinners. He touched the lepers. His feet got dirty walking from town to town to share the Good News. Colossians 3:12 "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Meekness, and Patience."

Ephesians 4:1-6— "I (Paul) ... beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called to the **one** hope of your calling, **ONE LORD, one faith, one baptism, ONE GOD and Father of all**, who is above all and through all and in all.

We can worship in different stylings, sing different hymns of praise (be it with an organ or guitar or drum), we can worship in a building or on the sidewalk. We can worship and use different Bible translations. But Christians are unified in our worship of Jesus Christ alone.

Thank you for being Open to God's Word and all your efforts in the work Christ has called us to. Carry on good and faithful servants of the Lord!

Pastor Terri

In November:

Nov. 2: Turn Clocks Back; All Saints Sunday;

Bible Presentation; First Communion

Nov. 4: Harvest Dinner (Drive thru)

Nov. 5: Crafting Night @ 5:55 pm

Nov. 9: Commitment Sunday

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed

Nov. 30: Advent begins

Thank You to all of the Worship and Churchwide Assistants!

Lawn Mowers

Oct. 2	Brian & Donna Olson
Oct. 9	Rich & Deb Wachholz
Oct. 16	Dennis McClyman & Leif Pedersen
Oct. 23	Kurt Mikolite & Todd McLaughlin
Oct. 30	Steve Peterson & Kris Peterson

October Altar Guild

Donna Olson, Carrie Easterly, Crystal Nawrot



October Garbage Runs

Steve Peterson

October Food Pantry Deliveries

Donna Turcany

Lector

Camera

Bulletin Sponsorship

Oct. 5	Lily Bittner	Brayden Hendricksen	John & Audrey Stormoen
Oct. 12	Krista Pavelec	Jameson Nawrot	Steve & Danna Peterson
Oct. 19	Rich Grabarski	Zarek Nawrot	Bob & Aletta Grabarski
Oct. 26	Sandy Willis	Ashtin Quinnell	Dave & Karen Janssen

Fellowship

Servers

Choir Members

Thanks!

Worship Greeter/s

Acolytes

Counters

Oct. 5	Sue McIntosh	Mathias & Amari Hoernke	Sharon Guzman & Terri Soley-10/6
Oct. 12	Dee Draeger	Raylee Pavelec & Kendel Quinnell	Terry Soley & Penny Ross-10/13
Oct. 19	Jennie Moore	Avery & Ellie Christensen	Penny Ross & Dana Henriksen-10/20
Oct. 26	Jeff Chase	Connley & Elayna Meyer	Dana Henriksen & Tom Guzman-10/27

Flowers

Liturgist

Ushers

Oct. 5	Ken & Dana Henriksen	Mike Kuss	Marge Edwards & Steve Peterson
Oct. 12	Steve & Danna Peterson	Sandy Willis	Susan McIntosh & Derek Pavelec
Oct. 19	Steve & Danna Peterson	Roxanne Irey	John Stormoen & Hank Sauer
Oct. 26	Dave & Karen Janssen	Tom Guzman	Darlene & Lloyd Hovorka

Look for the sign-up sheet for altar flowers on the narthex table. Donations are welcomed.



October Food Pantry Donation Idea

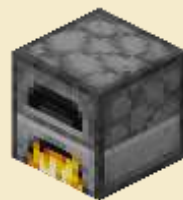
Why didn't the fettuccine go out for Halloween? *It was too alfredo!*

For the month of October, let's continue with our pasta donations for the local food pantry. Please help stock their shelves with noodles for soups and casseroles! Place your donations in the shopping cart and we'll get them there!

The Women of Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Adams County Food Pantry thank you!

Many thanks to Don Quinnell

(and his Dellwood Heating crew) for removing a 32-year old furnace and donating a new furnace. All of the church furnaces were cleaned, also, at no charge to ATLC!



Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for Sept. 8, 2025

Present: Present: Sandy Willis, Mike Willis, Carrie Easterly, Dana Henriksen, Liz Hendricksen, Garrett Gould, Leif Pedersen, Gretchen Wetzel, Pastor Terri Skildum. **Absent:** Cathy Westover.

The meeting was called to order by President Garret Gould at 6:33p.m.

Approve Agenda: The agenda was amended to add under New Business: New Member request. A motion to approve the amended agenda made by Carrie Easterly, second by Dana Henriksen. Carried.

Opening devotion/prayer: Pastor read from Matthew 18. Discussion about importance of community, prayer.

Approve August Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Carrie/Mike. Carried

Approve August Treasurer's Report: Report reviewed. Motion to approve by Mike/Pastor Terri. Carried.

Pastor's Report: Visits in last 6 weeks: 14; At Rest: none; At the Altar: none on the calendar; At the Font: 2; Other: Pastor will attend the Synod Pastor's Fall Conference in Madison September 14-16.

Next Council Meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business:

- ◆ Wi-Fi/phones update: Spectrum vs. Frontier. A quote from Spectrum was reviewed and compared to our current service with Frontier. Spectrum offers better service at a more reasonable rate. Motion by Dana/Leif to accept Spectrum offer and cancel Frontier. Carried. Spectrum plans to install on September 9.
- ◆ Doorbell/Ring Service: There is no electric outlet at the main entrance to the church to add a camera there. Dana/Carrie made a motion to have Glenn Quinnell get a bid for putting electric there. Carried.
- ◆ Church Long Range Plan: It was suggested that we go out 3-5 years, defining our Purpose, Goals, Strengths and Weaknesses. Will plan and form a committee in January with input from the Congregational Meeting.
- ◆ Chip Sealing: referred to Property Committee.
- ◆ Solar Project: Permits have been submitted to the Town of Strongs Prairie waiting approval. The utility connection with ACEC has been submitted and ready to go. We have been approved to receive \$986.00 from the Focus on Energy Grant. We need to have the Treasurer, and the Care and Creation Committee make sure we get the paperwork submitted to the Federal Tax Rebate on time.
- ◆ Tailgate Brunch and Raffle: Egg Bake = Sandy, brats and buns = Garret, fruit salad = Gretchen, desserts = Council. Sandy will do announcements asking for raffle donations.

New Business:

- ◆ Portico: Pastor's Benefits Package for 2026: Plans reviewed and compared with input from Pastor. Dana/Gretchen moved to accept the 2026 Select Copay 2000 plan. Carried.
- ◆ Outreach Coordinator Position: We are still seeking someone to fill the position.
- ◆ New Member request: Motion by Mike/Liz to accept Tim Hangar into membership. Carried.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Education Ministry: Sunday School has started.
- ◆ Property Committee: Fixing water issue in lower level
- ◆ Worship Ministry: We will be returning to the rail for Communion. Choir has started.
- ◆ TLCW: Christmas Cookie sale date set, Harvest Dinner Committee is working, Lefse making is being planned, serving for Fellowship dates are filled.



The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Secretary

**The next Crafting Night will be held
on Wednesday, Oct. 1 @ 5:55pm.**

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Clergy Appreciation Month	*Office open from 8:30 am- 2:30 pm		1 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 5:55-Crafting 6:00-Choir & Confirmation 6:45-Cantata Practice	2* 5:00-6:00 pm Drive thru Animal Blessing	3	4
5 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education & Fellowship	6* 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study 6:30-Council	7* 8:30 Quilting 9-11:30 Dealing with Chronic Pain Class 6:00-Property Meeting	8 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 6:00-Choir & Confirmation 6:45-Cantata Practice	9*	10	11
12 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education & Fellowship TAILGATE BRUNCH & BASKET RAFFLE	13* 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	14* 8:30 Quilting 9-11:30 Dealing with Chronic Pain Class	15 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 6:00-Choir & Confirmation 6:45-Cantata Practice	16* Newsletter Items Due	17	18
19 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education & Fellowship 10:00-TLCW Mtg	20* 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	21* 8:30 Quilting 9-11:30 Dealing with Chronic Pain Class	22 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 6:00-Choir & Confirmation 6:45-Cantata Practice	23*	24	25 8:30-Noon LWR kit drop-off @ Wis. Rapids
26 9:00-Worship 10:00-Education & Fellowship CONFIRMATION DAY	27* 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 3:30-Bible Study	28* 8:30 Quilting 9-11:30 Dealing with Chronic Pain Class	29 9:30-Strong Bodies Exercise 6:00-Choir & Confirmation 6:30-Cantata Practice	30*	31	

Interested in membership? Contact Pastor Terri or Danna in the church office. Forms are available on the table in the Narthex. We would love to have you join our mission and service at ATLC!

Dear Member(s), The Finance Committee is beginning to develop the budget for next year. To accurately budget, **please reply by Nov. 9! (online forms will also be emailed)**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Spouse/Partner's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

My/our pledge for Ministry Expenses of Trinity Lutheran is:

\$ _____ per week, or \$ _____ per month, or \$ _____ per year

_____ I/we will support the ministry without a specific pledge.

_____ I/we would like to start giving electronically, please mail form.

_____ I/we currently give electronically, and will continue to do so.



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My/our pledge for The Ramp Hill of Trinity Lutheran is:

\$ _____ per week, or \$ _____ per month, or \$ _____ per year.

My/our pledge for The Solar Project of Trinity Lutheran is:

\$ _____ per week, or \$ _____ per month, or \$ _____ per year

It is also that time of year when the office starts to put together various schedules. Please initial next to what you can help with. ***Even if you are currently volunteering in a role, please complete this form so we know you would like to continue serving.*** Share your wonderful and rich talents!

Committee (membership as needed)

_____ Care & Creation	_____ Council	_____ Education
_____ Endowment	_____ Fellowship	_____ Finance
_____ Long Range Planning	_____ Property	_____ Outreach
_____ Stewardship		

Building & Grounds

_____ Electrical	_____ Garbage pickup (rotational)
_____ Gardening (rotational)	_____ IT/Computer Support
_____ Lawn Mowing (rotational)	_____ Mechanical
_____ Painting	_____ Plumbing
_____ Refill gas cans	_____ Repairs-general
_____ Seasonal Decorating	_____ Snow shoveling (rotational)

Fundraising

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Brat Fry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest Dinner | <input type="checkbox"/> Lefse Making |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffles |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Tailgate Brunch |

Teaching

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation (September - May) | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Mentor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday school (September - May) | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible School |

Worship

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild (Monthly rotation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Screen operator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera (record service) | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir (Wed 6pm practice Sept-May) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dramatic readings/plays/skits | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter (Rotational) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead worship when Pastor's away | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector/Reader (Rotational) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgist (Rotational) | <input type="checkbox"/> Offering Counter (Rotational) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher (Rotational) | <input type="checkbox"/> Play instrument, list: _____ |

Outreach

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Blizzard Boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving/Ride Share | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair booth in August |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship(Sept-May/Rotational) | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Pantry Delivery (Rotational) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parade (July) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kids Day Booth in April |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring New Members | <input type="checkbox"/> Parade of Trees (Nov/Dec) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chain (phone or email) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quilting (Tuesday's at 8:30am) | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Veterans Fair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's/Men's Night Out | |

Funeral Support

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Set up and serve funeral meal | <input type="checkbox"/> Supply dish of food for meal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work in kitchen & help with dishes | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher for service |

Office Support

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fold Newsletters (rotational, monthly) | <input type="checkbox"/> Displays/signage/bulletin boards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral bulletin folding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special projects | |

(Please complete & return to office)

Stewardship Idea: **Reuse Old T-Shirts** Around 85% of textiles thrown away in the U.S. are dumped into landfills, releasing tons of greenhouse gasses that contribute to climate change. So, re-use your old t-shirts before throwing them away. They make excellent unique throw pillows or cleaning rags. If you have a white t-shirt, grab some dye to create a new outfit. *There are copies of instructions for making an old T-shirt into an apron on the narthex table.* When clothes shopping, look first at thrift shops or vintage stores. This is good stewardship.

Bible Moment: (Answers are below)

How well do you know these Bible stats?

- 1 What is the longest Book of the Bible? (*Hint: 150 chapters*) A. Psalms B. Proverbs C. Revelation
- 2 How Many Gospels in the New Testament? A. 4 B. 6 C. 8
- 3 How many books in the whole Bible? A. 34 B. 66 C. 78
- 4 Who is the oldest person in the Bible? A. Malachi B. Melchizedek C. Methuselah
- 5 What is the shortest book? A. Philemon B. 2 John C. Jude
- 6 Other than Jesus, who is mentioned the most times? A. Adam B. Moses C. David
- 7 Who is considered the oldest woman? A. Mary B. Esther C. Sarah

KFC – Kids For Christ:

- ★ **Confirmation Day** for 9th graders is Oct. 26: Congratulations to our Confirmands: Jaxson Nawrot, Brayden Hendricksen, and Izzy Nawrot.
- ★ **First Communion Instruction** Month of October, 5th & 6th graders.
- ★ **Activity:** Silly Dough: Need: $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cornstarch, 1 cup plain yogurt, food coloring (optional). Mix together in a bowl and knead. If still sticky, add in little more corn starch. Store in container or zip lock bag. May substitute a pudding cup, in place of yogurt, but add cornstarch bit by bit until no longer sticky.
- ★ **Bible Verse:** Genesis 2:19, 'Out of the ground (*clay or mud*) the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air.' God made us, kind of like we make things with Play-Doh.
- ★ **Table Talk:** What kind of things do you like to make? If you could create or make anything, what would it be? Why?
- ★ **Prayer:** For making me, for food on my plate and for slides and swings, O Lord, I give you thanks for all these things. Amen.



Cranberry Bars (Shared by Ruth Peterson in *Recipes & Memories –ATLC Cookbook, 1996*)

2 eggs, beaten	1-1.2 c. flour	1 tsp. vanilla
1-1/2 c. brown sugar	1/2 tsp. salt	1/2 c. nuts, chopped
1/2 c. margarine	2 c. whole cranberries	1/2 tsp. baking powder



Cream Cheese Frosting:

2 c. powdered sugar	1 3-oz pkg. cream cheese	1/4 c. soft margarine	1
tsp. vanilla			

Mix together eggs, sugar, margarine, vanilla, and nuts. Sift flour, salt, baking powder. Pour whole cranberries onto bottom of 9x13 pan which has been oiled/sprayed and floured. Mix all together (batter may be stiff). Bake at 350° for 40-50 minutes. Cool. Frost with cream cheese frosting.



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2025 Lutheran World Relief School

Kit Update *THANK YOU, THANK YOU* to those

individuals who showed Christian love and support for children by donating school kit supplies and cash for the

Lutheran World Relief Backpack Challenge! GREAT JOB! We achieved our goal of 228 filled backpacks which are ready for shipment in October! This is an increase from last year's total of 216. Much appreciation and thanks also to the Trinity Lutheran Church Women for their support and to Tom Guzman for leading a Thrivent Action Team.

Position Opening: Outreach Coordinator The Outreach Coordinator plans and manages outreach initiatives. Responsibilities include hosting community events, attending meetings and partnering with organizations, gathering resources, and recruiting and coordinating volunteers to support outreach activities. These activities and events are efforts to enhance the church's visibility, serve the community and raise awareness of our Congregation's ministries and programs. These events include but are not limited to: Ladies' Night Out, The Christmas Tree Parade at Gundersen Mound-view Hospital, Kid's Day, the Senior Fair and sometimes a table at the 4-H Fair. The Outreach Coordinator also has helped with the applications and transitions for new members. If you are interested in helping with any of these events or in this position, please contact Pastor Terri or the Church Office.

TAILGATE BRUNCH & RAFFLE EVENT

-October 12-

Join us after worship for our Tailgate Event! Enjoy the always-popular egg bake, brats, and other delicious

brunch favorites, hosted by the ATLC council members. Raffle basket drawings will add to the fun—tickets will be available for purchase both ahead of time and at the event. A 50/50 raffle will be held during the brunch.

Come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy a morning of food, fellowship, and fun!