

Trinity Lutheran Church

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February 2026

LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear Members of the Trinity Lutheran Congregation,

We are a blessed congregation. And we are humbled by the gift of God's grace for "things done and left undone" as we say in our confession during the liturgy. Our faithfulness binds us as a community of believers. This is especially important now as our congregation searches for a new pastor to lead and serve our faith community. This time presents both challenges and opportunities for us as we reflect on our mission, values, and the future of our church. Our faithful attendance at worship and prayerful considerations are important in this process.

The Church Council and the Call Committee are committed to ensuring that this search is conducted prayerfully, thoughtfully, and with transparency. The committee will continue to gather

input from the congregation as we have already developed and published a profile of our congregation and identified the qualifications for our next pastor. These are published on the LCMC (LCMC.net) and Vanderbloemen web sites, both accessible from the Trinity Lutheran website: tlccarrington.com.

Vanderbloemen is a professional search agency for faith-based positions that will assist us with vetting candidates. LCMC will provide guidance for the interview process.

As we progress, the committee will oversee the review of candidates and conduct the interviews. We invite and encourage all members to participate in this important journey by relating our pastoral search to friends and family throughout your own unique networks, referring any potential candidates to the committee. Your prayers, support, and engagement are vital as we seek God's guidance for our congregation's future.

During this interim period, regular worship services have been led by supply pastors, who have been inspiring to those who have attended worship. Regular attendance and tithes and gifts to the church are especially important during this period. Let us trust in God's faithfulness and wisdom as we move forward together. May the Holy Spirit guide our hearts and minds in unity and love during this search.

In appreciation for all our blessings,

Vern Anderson

Call Committee Member



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Blast Supper will be February 4, 2026.

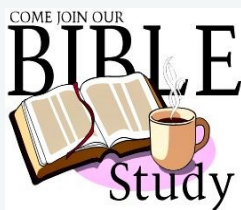
Serving from 5:15 to 6:15

Students and Families are invited.

B.L.A.S.T. classes will continue every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm for Kindergarten through 6th grade.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class will continue on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm—8:00pm



Women's Bible Study

The Third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall Bible Study goes through May—Please let Dorothy Fenske know if you are interested in attending

WHAT: Music by the Gronseth's concert—featuring Michaela



WHEN: Sunday Feb 1, 2026 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Trinity Lutheran Church

WHY: Michaela was chosen for an honor concert group representing the state in a musical European tour. With this honor comes expenses. Michaela's goal is to raise \$10,000. Please join us February 1 at 2:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church and please consider donating towards this once-in-a-lifetime experience.



WOW (Women of the Word) will be sponsoring a household essentials drive throughout the month of February. The drive is based on the needs that Daily Bread currently has, and all donations will go to Daily Bread to be used in our community. Items requested include the following: diapers, wipes, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and laundry detergent. All donations can be left at the back of the church in the large tote.

CARING IN ACTION:

Household Essentials Drive

Donations accepted throughout the month of February

Drop off items at the back of the church

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Soap
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Hair Brushes
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Cleaning Supplies & Laundry Detergent

All donations go to Daily Bread

MARCH FAITH IN SERVICE LIST

Membership of Trinity Lutheran is divided into 11 groups that each take a month to be responsible for tasks within the church. Each month we will be looking for ushers, lay readers, communion set-up, communion servers and coffee servers.

The list below is the service group scheduled for March. The coordinators for March are Patty Finch and Lynne Voglewede. If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in March works best for you and call Patty(653-5412) or Lynne(653-5857) to volunteer. If you are called, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Please say yes when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship services.

Andres, Jill	Fenske, Dorothy	Mattson, Kent & Sharie
Bachmeier, Bruce & Lynelle	Finch, Patty	McKibben, Tana & Cory
Backer, Brittany & Justin	Goheen, Karen	Pastir, Jace & Breanna
Berg, Paul & Bonnie	Hoeckle, Greg & Brenda	Rindy, William & Lanette
Dahl, Merrilyn	Hoggarth, Tyler & April	Simons, Michael & Kristin
Doeling, Jess	Hoppe, Chuck & LeaAnn	Thurlow, Drew & Kate
Doeling, Mariann	Knudson, Jeff & Billie	Voglewede, Lynne & Thomas
Doeling, Tyler	Kraling, Tony & Danielle	Wolf, Jordan & Kelsey
	Lange, Marlys	Wolf, Marlene & Dan

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31 2025

	<u>December Income</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Weekly Income and Attendance</u>		
General	\$35,236.60	\$9,033.33	Weekly Need:	\$4,981.73	
B.L.A.S.T.	\$	-	12/07/2025	\$2995.00	150
Mission	\$	\$	12/14/2025	\$5478.00	379
Building	\$	\$ 5,831.24	12/21/2025	\$4112.00	125
Total	\$35,236.60	\$14,864.57	12/24/2025	\$7358.50	362
			12/28/2025	\$1231.00	78
			Online giving for December	\$6,321.32	

Budget Report for January 1, 2025—December 31, 2025

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Disbursed to Date</u>	<u>Budgeted for Year</u>	<u>Difference for Year</u>
Missions	\$4,435.00	\$4,600.00	\$ 165.00
Staff Compensation	\$157,705.16	\$171,200.00	\$ 13,494.84
Congregational Life	\$20,157.13	\$15,600.00	-\$4,557.13
Operational Cost	\$57,379.90	\$67,650.00	\$ 10,270.10
WOW	\$29,615.88	\$38,100.00	\$ 8,484.12
Totals	\$269,293.07	\$297,150.00	\$27,856.93

COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes January 18, 2025

Attendance: Council members: Claudia Park, Lori Solberg, Michael Simons, Jo Pollert, Kelsey Neis, Brittney Moravec, Mark Struxness, Sheila Harrington and Mike Neis.

Absent: Markie Rosenau, Jeff Knudson, Janice Guissiaas, Katie Gussiaas, Corrine Frost , Greg Gussiaas and Kendra Beach.

Guest: Sheryl Roundy.

President Michael Simons called meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

Devotions were given by Sheila Harrington.

Minutes were reviewed and Sheila made a motion to approve minutes. Kelsey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Opening comments by President Michael Simons.

Michael reported that we had positive results from the Temple Talk given regarding church funds. The fact that final revenues fell short again this year further supports the decision to trim the 2026 budget. He also mentioned that it is not mandatory for all members of the Church Council to attend the monthly meetings but a member of each board should attend. The Sunday School line item has in the past been used for repairs and such on Sunday School rooms. This will continue as needed until funds are depleted. Sunday school is now called BLAST and is funded under that title.

Treasure report by Janice Gussiaas.

General Account: \$23,942.11 Missions: \$49,677.61

Reserve: \$3,750.44 Edward Jones 67,012.48

Balance above does not reflect payroll that has recently been taken out for the month.

Parish Nurse notes received from Holly reviewed.

Deacon report: - Lori

Deacons did not meet this month. February pulpit supply is filled.

All Lenton services are covered. Confirmation kids may do one service. Discussed having a rotating group to do recording and slide presentation.

WOW report by Sheila Harrington.

There will be a donation area set up for baby items in February. Muffins for Madagascar will be held in February also.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Board of Education reported by Kelsey Neis

Kelsey welcomed all board new members. Trinity is hosting VBS this year. Students sing on January 25th. Lenton soup supper will be served by Blast kids on February 25. Confirmation kids will serve Lenton Soup Supper on March 25th. 5th grade communion will be held on Thursday, April 2nd. The parent meeting is yet to be scheduled. Confirmation Sunday is May 3rd. 412 will be gathering to make valentines for nursing home on February 1st. New Life met on January 5th and shared Christmas stories, God Moments and played games.

Board of Trustees – Mike Neis

Welcomed Greg Gussiaas and Mark Struxness to Trustees. New folding chairs are in and the old chairs will be offered to parishioners, for \$10.00 each, soon. Lions will hold a blood drive at Trinity on April 13th from 10:00AM to 6:00 PM. The Gronseth concert will be held at Trinity on February 1st. Discussed access to cameras and possibly getting a desktop computer and 2 screens to make recording and screen presentation easier. Many ongoing projects and maintenance.

Old Business:

LCMC has updated our profile and has given us a list of interim pastors. It was decided that we should form a committee of 2-3 people to review this list with the Executive Board and Deacons making the final decisions. FMSC is this Thursday, Friday and Saturday and all is going as planned. 3 days of prayer was held. Discussed having an organizer for this project to organize and promote this. This is felt to be a good project.

New Business:

The Church Council will serve the Lenton Lasagna supper on February 18th. Installation of new council members will be on January 25th.

Call Committee report: Claudia

The Committee has been very active and has updated the Church's profile with Venderbloemen and will submit this to LCMC early this week. Christian Huntley with LCMC will be here on March 6, 7 and 8 and will preach and work with the council and Call Committee. VanderBloemen will call soon with information and progress will be posted soon. Vern will be the contact person for calls as Claudia cannot always take calls during the day.

Devotions for next meeting, on February 8th after Church, will be done by Claudia. It was decided that the Trinity Council will meet on the second Sunday of each month, following church.

Sheila closed with prayer.

Sincerely submitted,

Jo Pollert

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Secretary

JANUARY 2026 WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

BOARD MEETING

The Women of the Word (WOW) board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 12, 2026, by Co-President Sheila Harrington. Those in attendance were Sheila Harrington, Michelle Kliem, Julee Erdmann, Brenda Stokes, Mary Struxness, Karen Buskness, Kristen Reinke and April Hoggarth. Amanda Bickett and Nikole Hoggarth were absent. Sheila Harrington shared a devotion.

Minutes of the December meeting: Were reviewed. Karen moved to approve the minutes and Michelle seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle presented the financial report for December 2025. The beginning balance for December was \$15,118.61 with **deposits** of \$1,261.07 and expenses of \$5,374.12. **Bills submitted and paid in December:** Dakota Dust Tex \$85.27, Julee Erdmann \$113.89, Trinity-Chair fund \$3,000.00, Jodie Davis \$349.44, Karlee Griffin \$1,238.00, Leever's \$192.31 and Prairie Inn \$395.21 **Current bills to be approved and paid in January:** Leever's (funeral, blast, coffee & kitchen) \$ 145.84, Dakota Dust Tex (rug rental) \$193.23, Julee Erdmann (blast) \$19.88 and Steam Brothers (carpet\pew cleaning) \$3,830.00. Kristen moved to approve the Treasurer's report and April seconded. All were in favor.

Vice Presidents Report: Julee reported that there was five coffee hours for December and two funerals. Julee mentioned that they will start planning Soup and Bread Wednesday for Lent Services. Lent starts off on Ash Wednesday February 18th.

Fellowship Report: Karen reported that the Christmas decorating take down went well. Next for Fellowship will be ordering towels for High School Seniors.

Stewardship Report: Kristen reported that the Little Miracles Mission will start on Sunday, February 1st. This program will run the month of February. They will be adding new items to their request list this year.

Correspondence: Letters from Women's Care Center, (Devils Lake), N.D. National Guard Foundation and Lutheran Home of the Good Shepard (New Rockford) all asking for monetary donation. Thank You card from Arlene Brandt Family and Thank You card from Healthy Communities Collection (kids experience).

Old and Unfinished Business: Feed My Starving Children will be at the Carrington Armory on January 23rd and 24th.

New Business: WOW will plan a Muffins for Madagascar fundraiser during coffee hour one Sunday in February. Date to be announced later.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the church library.

Submitted by Mary Struxness

WHAT IS LENT

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.



REMINDER: BLAST/Confirmation time during lent is 6:15pm—6:55pm. Confirmation students are expected to attend worship at 7:00pm.

Soup Supper/Lenten Services will start on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, and continue through March 25th. Soup Supper is from 5:30pm—6:45pm with Worship Service starting at 7:00pm. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church for anyone willing to bring food for the suppers or work.

February 18—Ash Wednesday

February 25

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25



Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 2—Maundy Thursday (5th Graders' First Communion)

April 3—Good Friday

Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

April 5—Easter



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Taya Lura, Kaydence Oatis, Peyton Rosenau, Calvin Schroeder
- 2 Michelle & John Hollingsworth
- 3 Ben Beach
- 4 Charlotte Nelson
- 6 Raelynn Hatch-Neis
- 7 Addie Beal-Neis, Freya Partlow
- 8 Chelsea & Travis Aljets
- 9 Avery Armbrust, Brady Bickett, Haley VanRay, Arlene Weninger, Jared Zink,
Troy & Billie Lura, CJ & Jennifer Whitman, Patty & Jerome Zink
- 10 Katelyn Schroeder
- 11 Janell Beumer, Kyle & Sarah Rzaszutak
- 12 Calleigh Hewitt, Kenleigh Hinrichs, Keenan Kvamme
- 13 Rowan Rzaszutak
- 14 Renee Hallwachs, Elizabeth Hoggarth, Colette & Scott Lyman
- 15 Kevin Guthmiller, Miles Thurlow
- 16 Rhett Beach, Remy Biel, Jacob Copenhaver, Randy Munkeby, Drake Rzaszutak,
Linda & Harlan Olson
- 17 Memphis Griffin
- 8 Nathan Kruse, Joan Miller, Val Piatz
- 19 Krew Erdmann, Trevor Hoggarth
- 20 Markie Rosenau
- 21 Hallie Carr, Sadie Magnuson
- 23 Jodie Davis, Levi Hintz
- 25 Ryan Carr
- 26 Tucker Beumer, Noah Gussiaas, Shirley Radke, Kaydence VanRay, Isla Gjovik,
Beth & Duane Lura,
- 27 Wayne Dunwoody, Kelly Hagel, Kevin Klein, Madison Kraling, Taylen Mehring,
Boston Tweed
- 28 Monica Gussiaas
- 29 Jett Wolf

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship/ Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour 2:00 PM Music w/ Gronseth's	2 1:00pm Quilting	3	4 5:15-6:15pm WOW Family Supper 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	5 12:00 pm— 6:00pm Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive	6 Church Office Closed	7
8 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:45 am Council Meeting	9 1:00pm Quilting 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm WOW Meeting	10	11 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	12 5:30pm Foundation Meeting	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 9:30am Worship / Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour	16 1:00pm Quilting	17 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	18—ASH WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30-6:30 pm Lasagna Supper 6:15—6:55 pm Confirmation 6:30pm-7:30pm BLAST 7:00 PM Worship service 	19	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	23 1:00pm Quilting	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30-6:30 pm Soup supper 6:15—6:55 pm Confirmation 6:30pm –7:30pm BLAST 7:00 PM Worship service 	26	27 Church Office Closed	28

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



February 2026

**TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Worship Services are
Sundays at 9:30 am

Listen to us Sundays at 11:20 a.m.
on KDAK (1600 AM)

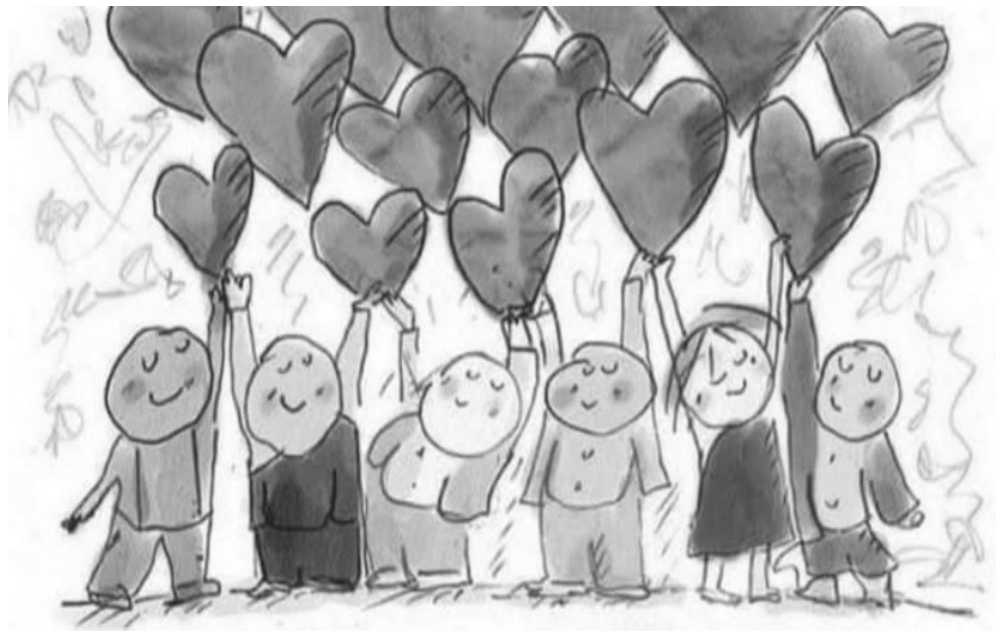
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online at www.newsdakota.com

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

CHRISTIAN HUMOR—

A Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments. After explaining the commandment to “honor” thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, “Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?” A little boy answered, “Thou shalt not kill”



Together, we lift hearts.