

Trinity Lutheran Church

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October 2026

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Trinity Church!

Fall is knocking at the door! This will be the Cawlfeld's first North Dakota winter. I realize my naiveté regarding real winters. Nonetheless, I look forward to snow and cold and the forced new rhythms of life that winter brings. I look forward to Fall Festival and thanksgiving. I look forward to the coming beautiful transformation of the sanctuary for Advent and Christmastide.

Here's a thought that has been on my mind today... It is born out of the fact that I am feeling cruddy; I have a cold/sinus thing going on and so I am not sleeping well. You know the drill. Up every hour during the night with a sore throat and a cough. I really believe that being sick makes me more fully appreciate wellness; something I might normally take for granted. I am so looking forward to a good night's sleep in a few days when I am well. I normally take good rest for granted.

So, on my walk to church this morning I was thinking about how relationships are that way as well. I take my meaningful relationship for granted at times. Then I go through a relationship struggle; or someone moves away or moves on or steps out of my life in some meaningful way. And, I feel the loss. Periods of isolation make me more appreciate togetherness.

Dear friends, some of are going through relational turmoil. You have lost a friend, had someone choose distance over closeness, or perhaps even experienced recent betrayal. There are two choices: you can lock your heart in a box, becoming impervious to any further hurt. That is an effective choice, except you truly cease to live and merely go on existing, marking days. The better choice involves pain. Of course it does. I encourage you to embrace the pain of isolation and let it drive you to a new appreciation for the gift that we all sometimes take for granted; the gift of new and future relationships. In this choice you will experience life. You will learn to thrive once again in the relationships God planned for your future. Don't quit. Don't go private. Take the risk. Live in community!

Pastor Randy



Women's Bible Study

Bible study is on the Third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Bible Study will go through May 2027.

If interested, please sign up in the office.



FALL FESTIVAL – Oct 14
– (6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)
students and a parent are invited for games & fun. Appropriate costumes are welcome! No BLAST or confirmation on Oct 14

BLAST is every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm for Kindergarten through 6th grade.

WOW (Women of the Word) will again be providing family suppers on the first Wednesday of every month from 5:15-6:15pm

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-7:45pm

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FALL SUPPER

Sunday, October 4th 4:30 to 6:30

turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn or green beans, cranberries, pickle, dinner roll and dessert

Adults \$14 Ages 5-10 \$7 Preschool free

Take-out orders available for \$14

Delivery to shut-ins available 4:30 – 5:30

100 Poplar Avenue, Carrington phone 652-2188

1st Graders received their Bibles on September 27th, 2026



Back: Ember Rosenau, Kolly VanRay, Lenni Smith, Sawyer Lies, Lawson Lura, Rowan Rzaszutak, Rexton Aljets, Cecily Gjovik, Wade Johnson

Front: Kimber Moravec, Raelynn Hatch-Neis, Blair Gussiaas, Lennox Zink, Aubree Carr, McKenna Laib

NOVEMBER 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 November. The coordinators for November are **Nikole Hoggarth** and **Michelle Rexin**. If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in November works best for you and call Nikole 650-7429 Michelle 240-1772 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.

Aljets, Tim & Tami	Koenig, Mike & Shaunette	Pogatschnik, DeeDee
Aljets, Travis & Chelsea	Kutz, Dayne	Schaubert, Steven
Anderson, Vern & Jan	Kutz, Gary & Julie	Sinkler, Billi
Drewlow, Gene & Becky	Lysne, Jo & Beach, Kevin	Solberg, Darwin & Lori
Ellingson, Lester & Valborg	Nieland, Matt & Erin	Stokes, Rachel
Henson, Soraia	Olson, Harlan & Linda	Struxness, John
Hertel, Jerold & Gladys	Ostlie, Lindsay	ThurLOW, Tom & Tammi
		Wangen, Ken & Stephanie

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31 2026

<u>August Income</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Weekly Income and Attendance</u>
General	\$19,255.52	\$24,771.51
B.L.A.S.T.	\$	-
Mission	\$	\$
Building	\$	\$ 1,609.97
Total	\$19,255.52	\$26,381.48
Weekly Need:		\$4,576.90
08/02/26	\$2,717.00	100
08/09/26	\$3,388.00	184
08/16/26	\$2,978.00	141
08/23/26	\$3,128.00	140
08/30/26	\$3,799.00	214
Online giving for August		\$3,223.54

Budget Report for January 1, 2026—December 31, 2026

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Disbursed to Date</u>	<u>Budgeted for Year</u>	<u>Difference for Year</u>
Missions	\$ 3,917.50	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 332.50
Staff Compensation	\$ 77,253.90	\$144,000.00	\$ 66,746.10
Congregational Life	\$24,681.23	\$14,200.00	\$ -10,481.23
Operational Cost	\$36,294.74	\$75,549.00	\$ 39,254.26
WOW	\$16,292.56	\$38,100.00	\$ 21,807.44
Totals	\$158,439.93	\$276,099.00	\$117,659.07

COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church Council minutes September 13, 2026

Attendance-Present. Michael Simons, Sheila Harrington, Claudia Park, Lori Solberg, Janice Gussiaas, Mike Neis, Brittney Moravec, Jeff Knudson, Katie Gussiaas, Mark Struxness, Markie Rosenau and Kendra Beach.

Absent – Greg Gussiaas, Jo Pollert, Corrine Frost and Kelsey Neis.

Guests- Sheryl Roundy and Pastor Randy Cawlfeld.

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

Kendra gave devotions and several shared experiences with the group or asked for prayers.

The minutes from August were reviewed and Jeff made a motion to approve minutes with Katie seconding this. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report - Janice Gussiaas

General Account – 8,988.19 Reserve Account – 36,359.53

Missions Account – 5,250.37 Edward Jones Account – 138,103.24

Pastors report – Pastor Randy commented that he would be gone Thursday- Saturday and that Pastor Rick Loewen will be doing Arvid Ellingson's funeral in his absence.

Parish Nurse report from Holly Zieman reviewed.

Board Reports

Board of Deacons – Lori Solberg. Deacons haven't met since last Council meeting. Mike has some ideas to stabilize the banner stands. The list for recording for radio is filled through September with several dates past that are also filled. Kelsey will try to fill some dates with confirmation students.

Women of the Word – Sheila. WOW will meet on Monday. Sign up sheets for the Fall Supper are on tables at the back of the church. WOW will be working on Faith In Service books and updating Core Group information.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Board of Education – Kendra. 81 kids registered for BLAST and all teacher positions are filled. 34 students in Confirmation still need 1 mentor for 9th grade. Youth 4:12 event has been planned September 24th. We are still in need of leaders for New Life Youth Group.

Board of Trustees – Mike Neis reported that the parking lot cement is being poured. One of the combination locks is not working and needs to be replaced. Mike will do that next week and change the code.

Upcoming dates are: September 15 - Women's Bible Study starts.

September 27 – 1st Graders receive their Bibles. BLAST sings.

October 4 – Fall Supper (4:30-6:30)

October 4-7 LCMC Annual gathering

(Michael, Claudia, Pastor Randy and Lydia will be attending)

Jo Pollert will do Devotions at meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 7:00

Mike Neis did closing prayer.

Sincerely submitted,

Sheila Harrington for Jo Pollert
Trinity Council Secretary

SEPTEMBER 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 September 14, 2026 by Co-President Sheila Harrington. Those in attendance were Sheila Harrington, Nikole Hoggarth, Julee Erdmann, Brenda Stokes, Mary Struxness, Michelle Kliem, Karen Buskness, April Hoggarth and Kristen Reinke. Amanda Bickett was absent. Karen Buskness shared a devotion.

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

Treasurer's Report: Michelle presented the financial report for August 2026. The **beginning balance** for August was \$9,006.69 with **deposits** of \$1,483.96 and **expenses** of \$2,234.66. **Bills submitted and paid in August:** Trinity Lutheran Church \$1,000.00, Mary Struxness \$243.12, Kristen Reinke \$284.05, Foster County Fair \$300.00, Leever's \$212.36 and Dakota Dust Tex \$195.13. **Current bills to be approved and paid in September:** Dakota Dust Tex (rug rental) \$195.13, Leever's \$265.25, Dacotah Paper \$221.47 and Sheryl Roundy (Bible study guides) \$62.83. Nikole moved to approve the treasurer's report and to pay September bills. Kristen seconded. All were in favor.

Vice Presidents Report: Julee reported that there were three coffee hours and two funerals for September.

Fellowship Report: No report.

Stewardship Report: Next for Stewardship is Thankoffering Sunday.

Correspondence: One letter from Lutheran Home Of The Good Shepherd in New Rockford requesting a monetary donation. Julee made a motion to send them \$500.00. Nikole seconded. All were in favor.

Old and Unfinished Business: Trinity's Food Booth at the County Fair 2026: Expenses \$5310.92, Income \$10,987.50. Profit for two days \$5,676.58. **Fall supper planning was discussed. Everything is on track. Fall Supper is still set for Sunday October 4th. In house dining and carry out serving 4:30PM to 6:30PM. Delivery available 4:30PM to 5:30PM.

New Business: Sheila mentioned Trinity's Annual Meeting will be Sunday January 17, 2027. Our Faith in Service Yearbook and WOW 2027 budget needs to be updated and sent to Sheryl by December 1st. **Nikole mentioned that Holly Zieman (The Sunshine Committee) was asking if WOW would like to purchase Christmas Poinsettia's again this year. They are \$11.25 per Poinsettia. They handed out 36 last year. Michelle made a motion to give \$500.00 to The Sunshine Committee. Karen seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the church library.

Submitted by Mary Struxness



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Visit Your Church Library!

What is the value of a church library? It is far more than a room filled with books or simply a place that houses materials on religious topics. **Our church library is a ministry. A place where faith, learning, and the joy of reading come together.** Our library's vision says it best:

The Trinity Lutheran Library exists to provide resources that will help the members of the congregation grow in knowledge of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, nurture their Christian faith, and foster an appreciation of good Christian literature.

Our library is here to support the ministries of Trinity and to serve **you and your family**. Its shelves contain books and resources thoughtfully selected with a biblical worldview in mind. Whether you are looking for something to strengthen your personal faith, encourage your family, help answer questions, support a church ministry, or simply provide an enjoyable and uplifting read, there may be something waiting for you in the library.

You don't even have to walk through the library doors to see what is available! Our library catalog can be accessed online: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/TLCLibraryCgtn>

Here's a glimpse of what's been newly added:

Fiction: *Born of Gilded Mountains* by Amanda Dykes, *Between the Sound and Sea* by Amanda Cox, and *My Beloved* by Jan Karon. Wonderful new selections from award-winning and much-loved authors.

Juvenile & Young Adult: *The Prince Warriors* series by Priscilla Shirer offers young readers exciting, faith-filled adventures.

Inspirational: Explore *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller, along with other thought-provoking and encouraging books from respected Christian authors and spiritual leaders, including Mark Batterson, Sinclair Ferguson, Eugene Peterson, and Jen Wilkin.

Children's Picture Books: Our youngest readers can enjoy new titles such as *The Good Shepherd and the Stubborn Sheep*, *Finding Narnia*, and *God's Great Love*.

Study Aids & Devotionals: We've also added new resources to help deepen your Bible study, enrich your devotional time, and encourage you in your daily walk with Christ.

Books sitting on a shelf can only do so much. The real ministry of a church library happens when those books find their way **into our homes, into our conversations, and into our lives.**

Come in. Browse. Check out a book. Share one with your family. Discover something new. Your next great read or opportunity to grow in faith is waiting for you in your church library!



Aug 30, 2026, Installation Service for Pastor Randy Cawlfeld

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church



River– Boyce – Pastor Randy – Lydia - Emma



Birthday and Anniversaries

- 1 Bob Gross
- 2 Vicki Schlotman, Sherrill Semmens
- 3 Travis Aljets
- 4 Jacobi Beach, Christopher Gussiaas, Jill Lura, Jayden Shipman
- 5 Molly Rzaszutak, Shelby & Maruis Botha, Keith & Missy Schroeder
- 6 Addyson Gussiaas, Laken Johnson, Shae Mehring
- 7 Eric Hallwachs, Brina Wolsky
- 8 Jason Skadberg, Virginia Struxness
- 9 Ashley Doeling, Nicole Johnson, Gracie Koenig, Troy Lura, Scott Mehring, Norbert Scheck, Rachel McKenzie
- 10 Blaine Botha, Kelsey Neis, Brooke & Justin Kollman
- 11 Thomas Solwey, Latricia & Dallas Beckman
- 13 Michaela Gronseth
- 14 Myron Jans, Kaylee Kollman, Della Wolff
- 15 Michael VandeHoven, Joyce Wick, Kelsey & Jordan Wolf
- 16 Brittany Backer, Bob & Pat Gross
- 17 Chuck Hoppe Jr, Rhett Lura, Nela McKibben
- 18 Doug & Jodie Davis, Dawn & Jerry Kollman
- 19 Jacob Hinrichs, Tiffany Paulson, Jacob Rexin, John Ringerud
- 20 Bowe Jans, Kacie Rexin, Travis & Mindy Lura
- 21 Mandi Beach, Alayna Gussiaas, Sarah Hallwachs, Renee Klein, Cordell Schroeder, Amber & Nathan Kruse
- 22 Lauren Skadberg, Laurie & Kim Dietz, Becky & Kelly Hagel, Emily & Erik Gjovik
- 23 Christopher Bittman, Dani Botha, Lennox Zink, Sadie Lies
- 24 Brayden Rosenau
- 26 Cody Hatch, David Kramer, Suzie LaBelle, Preston Laib, Natalie Larson, Smith Mozelle, Kaitlyn Solwey, Jenean & Doug Smith, Scott & Dakota Tweed
- 27 Matthew Hone, Addie Urness
- 28 Madison Sinkler
- 29 Felicity Partlow, Wyatt Weninger, Cecily Gjovik
- 30 Julee Erdmann, Sara Richter
- 31 Randi Jo VanRay



OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Church Office Closed	3
4 9:30am Worship/Comm 10:30am Coffee Hour 4:30-6:30pm FALL SUPPER	5 1:00pm Quilting 4:45 BOE Meeting	6	7 5:15 BLAST Family supper 6:30pm BLAST/Confirmation	8	9 Church Office Closed	10
11 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	12 1:00pm Quilting 7:00pm WOW Meeting	13 7:00pm Council Meeting	14 6:30pm BLAST/Confirmation FALL FESTIVAL	15	16 Church Office Closed	17 -
18 9:30am Worship/Comm 10:30am Coffee Hour	19 1:00pm Quilting	20 9:00am Women's Bible Study	21 NO BLAST/Confirmation	22	23 Church Office Closed	24
25 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	26 1:00pm Quilting	27	28 6:30pm BLAST/Confirmation	29	30 Church Office Closed	31

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Oct 2026

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship Services are
Sundays at 9:30 am

Pastor Randy Cawlfeld

Listen to us on Sundays at 11:20 a.m.
on KDAK (1600 AM)
-or-
online at www.newsdakota.com

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

Sheryl Roundy - Secretary

Becky Pretzer—Secretary

Holly Zieman - Parish Nurse
Home: 652-3073
Cell: 652-5732



- ✓ Mirror mirror on the wall, I'll always get up after I fall. And whether I run, walk or crawl, God will carry me through it all.
 - ✓ The teacher asked, "What's the moral of Noah's Ark?" A little boy said, "Don't miss the boat."
 - ✓ Little Johnny said he wanted to be a preacher when he grows up because he only has to work one day a week.
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