

Trinity Lutheran Church

WORSHIP • FELLOWSHIP • SERVICE

October 2025

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings in Christ!

We are into autumn. Fall sports are in full swing. Mornings are crisp; days get warm, but not hot, nights cool down quickly. Harvest is going all out. What does this mean for those of us who are people of faith?

God promises us a life of toil, and He promises to always be with us. He does not promise us easy, and He does not promise us riches while we are here on earth. In Genesis 3:19, we are told, “By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Many in our congregation are farmers, so you know the meaning of “sweat of your face”. It is hard work to grow the food our families and our nation need to live. All of us have work to do, and in this time and place, many of us are farming, but not all of us. Whatever work we are doing, this is the work God has given us to do. None of these jobs are necessarily harder than another. All jobs have their difficulties, and all

have their perks. Genesis focuses on shepherds and farmers when it talks about the work being done, because they did not have technology like you and I understand the word. These were the jobs the people did.

Whatever work someone does, this is the work God planned for them to do. God is not concerned with the specific work we do. He is concerned about how we do it. God wants us to do our work with, “...22 the fruit of the Spirit (which) is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;” All of us have to deal with things in our work lives and in our personal lives that our flesh would cause us to want to deal with in ways other than those just listed. This is where being a person of faith comes into play. I have found that when these times happen, I must remove myself from the situation, even if only for a brief time. I must pray during that interlude for God to cause me to respond in the Spirit, not in the flesh.

When things get to be too much for you, I pray you will find ways to respond in the Spirit and not in the flesh.

Go with God,

Pastor Ritchie



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Blast Supper will be
October 1st.

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

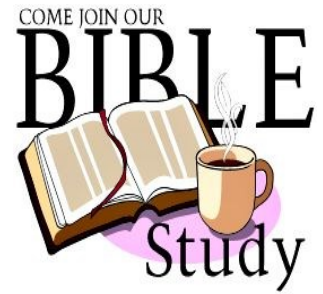
We are also looking for
helpers! Contact any Board
of Ed member if interested.

Jane VanRay, Kendra
Beach, Tara Rau, Kelsey
Neis, Markie Rosenau

Women's Bible Study

The Third Tuesday of every month at 9:00
a.m. in the church fellowship hall Bible
Study will start on Tuesday, September 16
and go through May

Please let Dorothy Fenske know if you are
interested in attending



Join us for a new Bible study! We'll be diving into **Saints and Sinners**, exploring God's Word together in a time of fellowship, discussion, and spiritual growth.

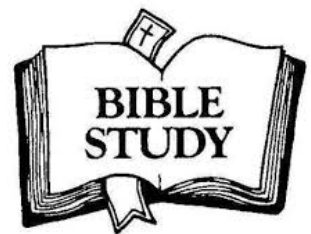
When: Monday nights at 6:30 pm, thru November 3rd

Where: Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church

Led by: Pastor Ritchie Cole

Duration: 7 weeks

Whether you're new to the Bible or a
seasoned reader, all are welcome. Bring a
Bible, a friend, and an open heart!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FALL SUPPER

Sunday, October 12th 4:30 to 6:30

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

Adults \$13 Ages 5-10 \$7 Preschool free

Take-out orders available for \$13

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

100 Poplar Avenue, Carrington phone 652-2188

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 Ashley Kramer and Colleen Kramer. If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in November works best for you and call Ashley (653-5029) or Colleen (320-9404) 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.

Dallas & Latricia Beckman
Chris & Courtney Bittman
Kyle & Chelsey Erdmann
Tom & Julee Erdmann
Armella Hetle
Kristen Hewitt
Ernie & Ann Hoffert

David & Colleen Kramer
Jordan & Ashley Kramer
Gary & Suzie LaBelle
Alex & Amy Lies
Cheryl Peterson
John Ringerud
Wendy & Chris Schmid

Ginger Skadberg
Jason Skadberg
Tara Skadberg
Greg & Donna Veen
Neil Veen
Doug & Jennifer Wede

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

	<u>August Income</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Weekly Income and Attendance</u>		
General	\$15,353.49	\$14,410.27	Weekly Need:	\$4,981.73	
B.L.A.S.T.	\$	-	8/03/2025	2,905.00	112
Mission	\$	\$	8/10/2025	2,702.00	99
Building	\$	\$ 3,439.71	8/17//2025	2,920.00	127
Total	\$15,353.49	\$17,849.98	8/24/2025	2,168.00	125
			8/31/2025	2,335.00	122
			Online giving for August	\$2,871.77	

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	\$3,565.00	\$4,600.00	\$ 1,035.00
Staff Compensation	\$117,421.51	\$171,200.00	\$ 53,778.49
Congregational Life	\$12,733.10	\$15,600.00	\$2,866.90
Operational Cost	\$40,404.35	\$67,650.00	\$ 27,245.65
WOW	\$12,837.36	\$38,100.00	\$25,262.64
Totals	\$186,961.32	\$297,150.00	\$110,188.68

COUNCIL MINUTES

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2025

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church

Meeting was called to order by Council President Michael Simons.

Opening Prayer--Led by Michael Simons.

Devotions--Led by Jo Pollert

Opening comment by President Michael Feel free to come to executive board with any concerns

Roll Call – Jo Pollert

Present: Claudia Park, Lori Solberg, Jodie Davis, Michael Simons, Pastor Ritchie Cole, Janice Gussiaas, Kerry Smith, Jo Pollert and Markie Rosenau.

Absent: Kendra Beach, Tara Rau, Kelsey Neis, Jeff Knudson, Morgan Wetzel, Michael Neis and Sheila Harrington

Guests: Sheryl Roundy and Layton Savegeau.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for August by Kerry, seconded by Jodie. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Janice Gussiaas

Account Balances:

- * **General Account \$8,484.10**
- * **Missions Account \$38,512.95**
- * **Reserve Account \$3749.83**
- * **Edward Jones Account \$66,153.98**

All current bills are paid.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Ritchie Cole

- * Pastor Ritchie continues with visits, communions, meetings etc.
- * Meetings held with confirmation and blast groups with parents and students, teachers and guides.
- * Bible studies will begin in September and will run for seven weeks at a time.
- * The annual LCMC gathering will take place in October 5-8, 2025. Would love more congregation members to attend.
- * 3 days of prayer is January 6-8, 2026
- * Feed my starving Children Event is January 23-24, 2026

Nurses report was passed out.

Executive Board – Michael Simons

- * Executive Board visited with Pastor on areas to grow.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Board of Deacons – Lori Solberg

- * Deacons will work on a policy regarding private baptisms.
- * Alter society has some leads on filling Alter Guild.

Women of the Word – Lori Solberg

- * Profits for the Fair were 7,297.33.
- * Fall supper is Oct 12. Thrivent funds of 250.00 will be sought by a board member.
- * New highchairs and booster seats will be purchased.

Board of Education – Markie Rosenau

- * August 21 will be installation of teachers and helpers.
- * Still need a 5th grade teacher and a 7th grade confirmation leader.
- * Orientation with parents and students is done.
- * Wreath sales will be held again by Confirmation students.
- * Both youth groups are in the process of planning and gathering.

Board of Trustees – Kerry

- * South side warranty work on church is done. Washer and dryer are hooked up.
- * The following parsonage work is ongoing, replace nosing on steps, clean parsonage gutters, repair shingles and creating a spot for garbage can receptacle.
- * The following church projects are ongoing. Install non-slip tape to metal sidewalk covers, install landscaping rock, repair shingles on church roof, find someone to do monthly inspections of AED and fire extinguishers. Work being done on AC units
- * Working on filling the Trustee vacancy soon.
- * The parking lot was discussed. Waiting on a firm bid.
- * Trustees approved paying for continuing education for Pastor Ritchie. Approx \$1,300. This will go through Executive Committee in the future.

Old Business

- * The Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) fund raising and awareness is going well and will continue.
- * Information regarding candidates for Blast Superintendent job will be brought to next meeting.
- * Work continues on the Policy Manuals.

New Business

- * All committees should start working on budgets for 2026.

Correspondence

One thank you and one request for support from Lutheran Home of Good Shepard.

Next Meeting----October 14, 2025

Next Devotions:--Lori Solberg

Closing Prayer----Led by Pastor Ritchie Cole.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Pollert

Church Council Secretary

SEPTEMBER 2025 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 8, 2025, by Co-President Sheila Harrington. Those in attendance were Sheila Harrington, Nikole Hoggarth, Michelle Kliem, Julee Erdmann, Brenda Stokes, Mary Struxness, Karen Buskness, Kristen Reinke and Amanda Bickett. April Hoggarth was absent. Brenda Stokes shared a devotion.

Minutes of the August 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 August 2025. The beginning balance for August was \$17,633.78 with deposits of \$551.40 and expenses of \$2,011.16. **Bills submitted and paid in August:** Dakota Dust Tex \$183.05, Leever's \$109.67, Julee Erdmann \$100.89, Fo. Cty. Fair Board \$300.00, Dacotah Paper \$617.83, Kristen Reinke \$177.55, Bakers Dozen \$210.00 and Prairie Inn \$312.17. **Current bills to be approved and paid in September:** Leever's \$65.71, Dakota Dust Tex (rug rental) \$183.05, Julee Erdmann \$24.95 and Kristen Reinke (school supplies) \$66.92. ** Michelle shared with us that the shelves at Carrington Daily Bread are getting bare. She asked if we could send the remainder of our yearly donation to them now? All were in agreement to send rest of budgeted donations now. Kristen moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Nikole seconded it. All were in favor.

Vice Presidents Report: Julee reported that there was one funeral and three coffee hours in August.

Fellowship Report: No report.

Stewardship Report: Kristen shared that she delivered the school supplies to Carrington Public Health. Kristen mentioned that they would appreciate more headphones, adapters and pencils for next year. Next project for Stewardship will be the Thank Offering Sunday.

Correspondence: Letter from The Lutheran Home of The Good Shepard requesting a monetary donation for their fall event. \$500.00 was budgeted for LHGS. Michelle will send that donation off. **Thank you card from Les and Joyce Cabler and Family.

Old and Unfinished Business:

New Business: Julee and Brenda shared their plans and information on the Fall Supper. All items are being ordered and the sign-up board/sheets will be out starting Sunday September 14th. This year's Fall Supper is October 12th. Everyone is welcome to come out and support this event and enjoy some great food and fellowship!! ** Julee asked if WOW could pay for the lunch that is served for Young at Heart Gatherings? They serve meat, crackers and cheese. Nikole made a motion to pay for the food for the Young at Heart Gatherings at the church. Kristen seconded. All were in favor. ** Mary asked if we could purchase two new infant highchairs and two toddler booster chairs for the dining hall? Mary made a motion to spend up to \$500.00 on two new infant highchairs and two toddler booster chairs. Amanda seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the church library.

Submitted by Mary Struxness



MUSIC CONCERT

Join us for an afternoon of music with the Gronseth's November 9 at 2:00 pm.

Michaela Gronseth is putting on a fundraising concert in order to take part in a musical European tour.

Michaela was nominated and chosen to take part in a select honor concert group composed of students from the state. This tour, scheduled for June 18–July 3, 2026,

will see the band and choir performers travel through SIX different European countries with FIVE scheduled performances.

The tour itself costs \$7,365, with many expenses not being covered. Costs that are covered include:

- Round trip airfare

- Transportation per itinerary in Europe: motorcoach, ferries, and trains

- Luggage fees

- 14 nights hotel costs

- 2 meals per day

- Guided tours in London, Paris, and Salzburg

- Admission to local attractions: Tower of London, Chateau de Fontainebleau, and Dachau Concentration Camp

Items not included in the above price:

- Passport/fees

- Other travel documents

- Transportation to and from the airport in the U.S.

- Travel Insurance

- One meal per day

- Home camp fees including performance

- Tour Attire

- Admission to London Theater Performance

- Additional Unknown Fees

Michaela's goal is to raise \$10,000. To date she has been able to raise approximately \$4,000.

Please join us November 9th at 2:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church and please consider donating towards this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

For More Information visit <https://musicalhorizonsinternational.com/star-of-north-dakota> or scan this code with your smartphone camera.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bob Gross
- 2 Vicki Schlotman, Sherrill Semmens
- 3 Travis Aljets
- 4 Jacobi Beach, Christopher Gussiaas, Jill Lura, Lori Richter, 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
- 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, Graham Kuginskie, 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
- 24 Brayden Rosenau
- 26 Cody Hatch, David Kramer, Suzie LaBelle, Preston Laib, Natalie Larson, Mozelle Smith, 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 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00am Worship Service at Golden Acres 5:15-6:15pm WOW Family Supper 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	2	3 Church Office Closed	4
5 9:30am Worship/ Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour	6 Church Office Closed LCMC Annual Gathering in Lakeville, MN 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding	7 LCMC Annual Gathering in Lakeville, MN	8 LCMC Annual Gathering in Lakeville, MN 6:30pm FALL Festival	9	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 4:30-6:30pm FALL SUPPER	13 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding 6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm WOW Meeting	14 7:00pm Council Meeting	15 NO BLAST/ Confirmation	16	17 Church Office Closed	18
19 9:30am Worship/ Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour	20 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding 6:30pm Bible Study	21 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	22 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	23	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	27 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding 6:30pm Bible Study	28 5:00pm Board Of Ed Meeting	29 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	30	31 Church Office Closed	

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Pastor Ritchie Cole
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Sheryl Roundy - Secretary
Becky Pretzer—Secretary

Holly Zieman - Parish Nurse
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Cell: 652-5732



October 2025

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Worship Services are
Sundays at 9:30 am

Listen to us 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

Pastor Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
By appointment at all other times

