

Trinity Lutheran Church

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August 2026

MESSAGE FROM OUR CALL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Trinity Lutheran Church has a new pastor! We will welcome Pastor Randy Cawlfeld, his wife Lydia, and son, Boyce to our congregation very soon. Let's make them feel welcome in our congregation and in our community as they settle in. God has led Pastor Randy to our congregation, through multiple interactions and connections revealed during the call process. It is amazing how the Spirit moves each of us to follow our call. Please introduce yourself again and again even if you met Pastor Randy and his family at the "meet and greet" event at church previously. It is difficult to imagine how challenging it is to recall hundreds of new names and faces in a strange (we are not so strange, really) new place.

Pastor Randy will bring new enthusiasm, inspiring preaching, biblical teaching and a personal warmth to our fellowship of believers. We look forward to his shepherding our congregational flock on Sundays and throughout the week. Our anticipation comes from our own thirst to be more faithful, to nurture our own love of God and to care for our own souls. Couple those motives with our call to share our faith with others as we study and learn more from the Bible.

Our congregation has experienced multiple faithful and inspiring pastors and lay ministers in the past. All have shown faithful dedication that assures us of God's undeserved grace given our faith is honest and deliberate. Throughout this time, our Church Council and leadership team have devoted much time and effort to keeping Trinity vibrant and faithful. Incredible leadership has been provided by the Church Council President Michael Simons and Vice President and Call committee Chairperson Claudia Park who both exhibited extraordinary effort in coordinating and understanding God's will for Trinity.

A new era is about to unfold for Trinity, participate by coming to church, and praying for our new pastor, our council, our congregation and our community. We are truly blessed.

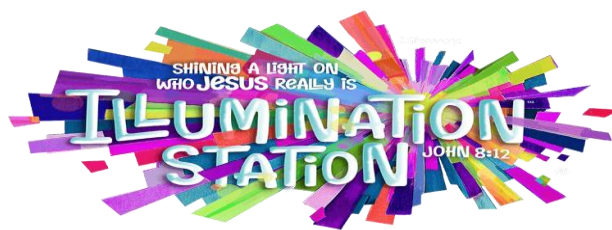
Vern Anderson
Call Committee



Women's Bible Study

Bible study will restart in September and will be 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.



Save the Date! Trinity is excited to host This year's community Vacation Bible School on August 4-6. Our theme,

"Illumination Station,"

will focus on shining God's light and truth. Contact Kelsey Neis with questions 218-791-0398



Planning is underway for BLAST this Fall. Registration is August 12th from 3:30-6:00 pm at the church.

B.L.A.S.T. teacher meeting will be **August 26th at 5:30pm.**

B.L.A.S.T. classes will start September 2nd with a **mandatory parent meeting at 6:30pm.** 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 Starting Sept 2

CONFIRMATION

Planning is also underway for Confirmation this Fall.

Confirmation Mentor Meeting is August 26th at 5:30pm

Confirmation parent/student meeting is August 26th at 7:00pm

Confirmation class starts on September 2nd at 6:30pm. Confirmation will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm—8:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 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 September. The coordinators for September are **Katie Gussiaas** and **Jana Lesmeister**. If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in September works best for you and call Katie (866-9592) Jana (307-0066) 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.

Beach, Casey	Hooey, Randy & Mallory	Myers, Rich
Beach, Nic & Mandi	Hovdenes, Jason & Jodi	Skytland, Brad & Shelly
Beach, Skip & Lavonne	Ingebretson, Kylee & Tyler	Skytland, Jordan & Kelsey
Cook, Justin & Kim	Ingebretson, Todd	Skytland, Red & Evie
Gussiaas, Christopher & Alicia	Kirkeby, Mike & Lindsey	Smith, Kerry & Kari
Hart, Dennis & Jan	LaBelle, Greg & Hayleigh	Stokes, Erica
Hinrichs, Dustin	Lura, Jason & Traci	VanRay, Corey & Rachel

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JUNE 30 2026

	<u>June Income</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Weekly Income and Attendance</u>		
General	\$17,869.29	\$13,281.72	Weekly Need: \$4,576.90		
B.L.A.S.T.	\$	-	06/07/2026	\$2,574.00	98
Mission	\$	\$	06/14/2026	\$2,092.00	109
Building	\$	\$ 4,209.33	06/21/2026	\$4,157.00	193
Total	\$17,869.29	\$17,491.05	06/28/2026	\$2,786.00	108
			Online giving for June	\$3,323.82	

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	\$ 2,652.50	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 1,597.50
Staff Compensation	\$ 42,272.93	\$144,000.00	\$101,727.07
Congregational Life	\$20,239.04	\$14,200.00	\$ -6,039.04
Operational Cost	\$29,946.16	\$75,549.00	\$ 45,602.84
WOW	\$11,745.44	\$38,100.00	\$ 26,354.56
Totals	\$106,856.07	\$276,099.00	\$169,242.93

COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 6, 2026

Attendance: Jo Pollert

Council members: Claudia Park, Michael Simons, Jo Pollert, Mark Struxness, Corrine Frost, Jeff Knudson, Katie Gussiaas, Mike Neis, Lori Solberg, Kendra Beach, Kelsey Neis, and Brittney Moravec.

Absent: Janice Gussiaas, Sheila Harrington, Markie Rosenau, Greg Gussiaas.

Guest: Sheryl Roundy and Vern Anderson

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

Devotions were given by Kelsey Neis.

Minutes were reviewed and Claudia made a motion to approve minutes, and Mark seconded this. Motion carried.

Treasure report by Sheryl in Janice's absence.

General Account: \$24,430.05 Missions: \$85,706.95

Reserve: \$36,353.62 Edward Jones \$67,948.22

All bills are paid to date with the exception of one that came today for under 100.00.

Parish Nurse – Notes from Holly were reviewed.

Deacon report: - Lori Solberg

Pulpit supply is filled through August except for August 2nd and 30th. Recordings are covered through July 5th. Banner stands still need work done on them to make them sturdier. We are still in need of a person for sound recording and slide show for future dates. Looking for more people to train for sound and recording of Radio Broadcast.

WOW – No report.

Board of Education: Kelsey Neis

BLAST - Will start on Sept 2nd. We will be incorporating a weekly sign-up sheet for the 6th grade class due to shortage of volunteers/teachers. Board of Education will facilitate in-person registration on August 12, 3:30-6:00 at the church. Working on membership policy.

CONFIRMATION – There will be a mandatory parent and student meeting on August 26. Continuing work on membership policy and finalizing new curriculum. Will be incorporating a weekly sign-up sheet to assist with 8th and 9th grade group.

YOUTH GROUP – 4:12 on break for summer

NEW LIFE – Leaders Michael and Kristen will be stepping down from leadership.

VBS – Pastor Kevin from Bethel will be teaching lessons Aug 4-6, 6:00-8:00

COUNCIL MINUTES

Board of Trustees – Mike Neis

Fundraising is continuing for the parking lot project. As of June 5, we have \$59,170. This includes a \$7,000 donation from the foundation. Searching and applying for grants that we qualify for. The roof had a few leaks, and we are hoping these are resulting from missing shingle. Preston Carr will check these this week. Old library chairs have been donated.

Old Business:

Claudia Park and Vern Anderson reported that Pastoral Candidate, Pastor Randy will be visiting from June 18-22, with a meet and greet on Friday and preaching on Sunday. He will lead a Bible Study after church. Please continue to pray for guidance on this.

The membership committee has met once and discussed a few problems and will meet again soon.

New Business: None.

Up-coming events: Pastor visit June 18-22

The fair is June 18-19.

The Fuller Bike riders are here June 25 for supper and for breakfast before leaving on the 26th.

Jo will do devotions for the next board meeting on August 11 at 7:00.

Jo closed with prayer.

Sincerely submitted,

Jo Pollert

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Secretary

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JUNE 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 June 8, 2026 by Co-President Sheila Harrington. Those in attendance were Sheila Harrington, Nikole Hoggarth, Julee Erdmann, Brenda Stokes, Michelle Kliem, Mary Struxness, Karen Buskness, and April Hoggarth. Kristen Reinke and Amanda Bickett were absent. Brenda Stokes shared a devotion.

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

Treasurer's Report: Michelle presented the financial report for May 2026. The beginning balance for May was \$4,727.57 with **deposits** of \$4.00 (May coffee hour money not deposited yet) and **expenses** of \$852.48. **Bills submitted and paid in May:** Dakota Dust Tex \$298.35, Pam Diede \$60.00, Leever's \$91.16, Dacotah Paper \$352.30 and Julee Erdmann \$50.67. **Current bills to be approved and paid in June:** Leever's (fair) \$268.27, Dakota Dust Tex (rug rental) \$195.13, Julee Erdmann (fair) \$59.94, Commerce Bank (Bible study supplies) \$184.05 and Bordulac Bar (hamb for fair) \$1,221.23. Brenda moved to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay bills for June and July. April seconded. All were in favor.

Vice Presidents Report: Julee reported that there was four coffee hours and no funerals for May.

Fellowship Report: Karen reported that Senior Recognition Sunday went very well.

Stewardship Report: Nikole made a motion to spend up to \$300.00 on top of what the church members donate for The Backpack Program. Brenda seconded. All were in favor.

Correspondence: None.

Old and Unfinished Business: The Fuller Center Bike Adventure Cyclists will be in Carrington June 25th and 26th. They will be once again staying overnight in our church. We will provide a hot supper on the 25th and a hot breakfast on the 26th. Julee is organizing these meals.

**** Fair planning is on track for this year's food booth.**

New Business:

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the church library.

Submitted by Mary Struxness



Birthday and Anniversaries

- 1 Gladys Hertel, Kaydence Kirkeby, Andy & Ruth Braaten
- 2 Curt Eli, Jane Fredrickson, Kristy Holland, Marvis Holte, Wendy Schmid, Henry Veen
- 3 Kyle Schroeder, Mya Schroeder, Brooklyn Griffin
- 4 Brenna Skytland, Quinn Thurlow, Michelle & Duane Kliem, Taylor & Josey Skytland
- 5 Chelsey Erdmann, Radke Hooey, Brenda Larson
- 6 Jason Wolsky
- 7 Corrine & Mark Frost, Kari & Kerry Smith
- 8 Emmie Lura
- 9 Nichole Garber, Brad Skytland
- 10 Latricia Beckman, Lane Lies, Sienna Lies, Merdyna & Kevin Guthmiller
- 11 Rhenley Aljets, Justin Cook, Mike Page, Greg & Hayleigh LaBelle
- 12 Rylee Botha, Kristy Sauby, Georgia & Jay Hendrickson
- 13 Richard Nysted
- 14 Alex VanRay, Curt & Barb Eli, Nicole & Clint Johnson
- 15 Greg Hoeckle, Levi & Allie Hintz, Lanette & William Rindy
- 16 Tyler Doeling, Kambree Kvamme, Kinlee Marcotte, Bonnie & Paul Berg, Jill & Seth Lura
- 17 Shannon & Scott Mehring
- 18 Nikole & Culley Hoggarth, Amy & Alex Lies
- 19 Savanna Buskness, Preston Carr, Kooper Erdmann, Verna Martin, Stephanie Wangen, Heidi & Ethan Johnson
- 20 Andy Braaten, Max Beumer, Janice Gussiaas, Jeff Jensen, Haley Lura
- 21 Bruce Bachmeier, Caryl & Larry Schagunn
- 22 Kendra Beach, Breanna Pastir
- 23 Rita Balvitsch, Maruis Botha, Kason Kutz, Brett Paulson, Greg Veen, Monica & Greg Gussiaas
- 24 Don Gussiaas, Lynne Voglewede, Rosie & Craig Mozelle
- 25 Josh Bickett, Alicia Gussiaas, Dave Hilbert Jr., Evan Johnson, Vicki Magill
- 26
- 28 Kyla Jo Beach, Ada Tweed, Joey Bartels
- 29 Soraia Henson, Tyre Leapaltdt, Amy Lies, Marc VanRay, Jim Wolsky, Teresa & Chris Pierson, Nicholas & Katlyn Smith, Deb VandeHoven
- 30 Colton Buskness, Justin Hone, John Miller, Mike Seaburg, Mary Zink, Jess & Brenda Bush, Tara & Michael Rau
- 31 Thomas Moravec, Hutch Nieland

AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30am Worship/Comm 10:30am Coffee Hour	3	4 6:00-8:00pm VBS at Trinity	5 6:00-8:00pm VBS at Trinity	6 6:00-8:00pm VBS at Trinity	7 Church Office Closed	8
9 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	10 7:00pm WOW meeting	11 7:00pm Council Meeting	12 3:30 – 6:00pm BLAST registration at Trinity	13	14 Church Office Closed	15 -
16 9:30am Worship/Comm 10:30am Coffee Hour	17	18	19	20	21 Church Office Closed	22
23 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	24	25	26 5:30pm BLAST Teacher Meeting 6:15pm Confirmation Mentor Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation parent/student meeting	27 7:30pm Foundation Meeting	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	31					

Here are 10 Bible verses to pray together as a family, or encourage your kids (or yourself) about the new school year



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Two donkeys were walking in Jerusalem, when one donkey said to the other, "Just yesterday I was here carrying Jesus and the people were singing and shouting and throwing down their clothes for me to walk on, and today they don't even recognize me". The other donkey replied, "that's how it is my friend.....Without JESUS you are nothing

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

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