

Trinity Lutheran Church

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November 2025

A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

Over the past several weeks, our church family has experienced a range of emotions following Pastor Richie's resignation. For some, this news brought sadness or even surprise; for others, perhaps relief or understanding. No matter where each of us finds ourselves, I want to begin by acknowledging the confusion and pain that can accompany changes in ministry.

It is clear that God called Pastor Richie to Trinity, and it is equally clear that God now has plans for both Trinity and Pastor Richie that lead us in different directions. We may not always understand, or even like God's plans, but we can place our faith and trust in them. God has not led us astray; He continues to guide us toward His purposes.

The Board of Deacons is working diligently to secure pulpit supply and ensure consistent pastoral care. We are also beginning the process of finding an interim pastor as we seek our next pastor. You may recall that we contracted with Vanderbloemen, a pastoral search firm, to bring Pastor Richie to Trinity.

Because we are still within their two-year guarantee period, they will again assist us in identifying our next pastor. We will soon form a new Call Committee to lead that process.

While this is a time of transition, it is also a time of opportunity. God is clearly at work within our congregation, through the energy of our youth programs, the generosity of those who serve, and the warmth of our community. Scripture reminds us that *"there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit... and to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good"* (1 Corinthians 12:4-7). This is our moment to use those gifts, to serve, to volunteer, and to build up one another. Whether it's helping with BLAST, assisting with confirmation, visiting shut-ins, supporting Sunday worship, or caring for our facilities, every act of service strengthens our shared mission.

Our future at Trinity is bright. God has already blessed us richly, with faithful people, strong ministries, and a deep love for one another. As we look forward, may we keep our eyes fixed on Him, trusting that *"He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion"* (Philippians 1:6).

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and commitment to our church family.

With faith and hope,
Michael Simons
President, Trinity Lutheran Church Council



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Blast Supper will be November 5th.

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

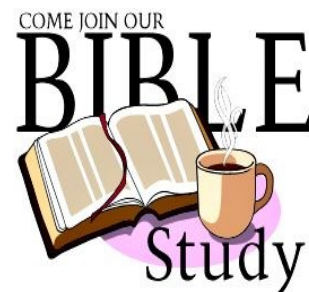
We are also looking for helpers! Contact any Board of Ed member if interested.

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 goes through May

Please let Dorothy Fenske know if you are interested in attending



DECEMBER 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 December. The coordinators for December are Nikole Hoggarth and Michelle Rexin. If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in December works best for you and call Nikole (650—7429) or 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
 Aljets, Travis & Chelsea
 Anderson, Vern & Jan
 Drewlow, Gene & Becky
 Ellingson, Lester & Valborg
 Henson, Soraia
 Hertel, Jerold & Gladys
 Hoff, Brad & Ashley

Koenig, Mike & Shaunette
 Kutz, Dayne
 Kutz, Gary & Julie
 Lysne, Jo & Beach, Kevin
 Nieland, Matt & Erin
 Olson, Harlan & Linda
 Ostlie, Lindsay
 Pogatshnik, DeeDee

Schaubert, Steven
 Sinkler, Billi
 Solberg, Darwin & Lori
 Struxness, John
 Thurlow, Tom & Tammi
 Wangen, Ken & Stephanie

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	<u>September Income</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Weekly Income and Attendance</u>		
General	\$19,368.22	\$13,234.01	Weekly Need:	\$4,981.73	
B.L.A.S.T.	\$	-	9/07/2025	4,150.26	183
Mission	\$	\$	9/14/2025	3,774.00	156
Building	\$	\$ 3,812.91	9/21//2025	3,380.33	271
Total	\$19,368.22	\$17,046.92	9/28/2025	2,549.00	108

Online giving for
 September

\$3,164.81

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	\$3,760.00	\$4,600.00	\$ 840.00
Staff Compensation	\$131,050.90	\$171,200.00	\$ 40,149.10
Congregational Life	\$12,889.72	\$15,600.00	\$2,710.28
Operational Cost	\$44,217.26	\$67,650.00	\$ 23,432.74
WOW	\$17,634.98	\$38,100.00	\$20,465.02
Totals	\$209,552.86	\$297,150.00	\$87,597.14

COUNCIL MINUTES

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2025

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church

Meeting was called to order by Council President Michael Simons.

Roll Call – Jo Pollert

Present: Claudia Park, Lori Solberg, Jodie Davis, Michael Simons, Janice Gussiaas, Jo Pollert Kelsey Neis, Jeff Knudson, Kendra Beach, Sheila Harrington, Morgan Wetzel and Markie Rosenau.

Absent: Tara Rau, Michael Neis and Kerry Smith

Guests: Sheryl Roundy, Jenny Wede, Doug Wede, Vern Anderson, Mark Struxness, Mary Struxness, Molly Rzaszutak, Alex VanRay, Jane VanRay, Nicole Garber, Greg Gussiaas, Katie Gussiaas, Kristin Simons and Teresa Edland.

Opening Prayer

Led by Michael Simons.

Devotions

Led by Lori Solberg

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for September by Sheila, seconded by Claudia. Motion carried.

Opening comment by President Michael

Michael welcomed all guests.

Michael has reviewed the constitution to make sure we are in compliance with our constitution in filling the Trustees position with Greg Gussiaas.

Kelsey made a motion to ratify the board of trustees' nomination of Greg to backfill the empty trustee position. Morgan made the second. Motion carried.

Morgan made a motion to ratify the board of Ed nomination of Kelsey to fill the Youth Director position. Sheila made the second. Motion carried.

Michael and Kristin Simons and Pastor Ritchie attended the annual LCMC meeting. Michael reported it was very good and encouraged others to partake next year.

Pastoral resignation

Michael shared information regarding Pastors review and performance from the letter from council that was later published on Trinity's homepage. There was an open discussion around this information.

The guests were temporarily dismissed to let the board discuss matters of confidence. Upon completion of confidential discussion, all guests returned to meeting

Treasurer's Report – Janice Gussiaas

Account Balances:

General Account \$9,887.12

Missions Account \$41,276.28

Reserve Account \$3749.97

Edward Jones Account \$66,387.52

All received bills for the month have been paid.

Pastor's Report – Pastors report was passed out

Nurses report was passed out.

Executive Board – Michael Simons No executive meeting held.

Board of Deacons – Morgan Wetzel

Discussion on private vs. public baptisms will be tabled as we search for a new pastor.

Will search for pulpit supply for Nov 2.

Alter committee will be contacted and verified.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Women of the Word – Sheila Harrington

The annual Thank Donation will be given to a church family in need.
Decorating for Christmas will be done on Nov 29.

Board of Education – Markie Rosenau

The Fall Festival was held.

Board of Trustees – Jeff Knudson

Welcomed Greg Gussiaas to the Trustees.

Ongoing project, paving parking lot

Need to look into replacing chairs. This will be a costly project

A mileage request from pastor for attending the LCMC yearly meeting was received and will be paid as previously decided.

Old Business

FCMC committee update-fundraising is going quite well. We need \$30,000 and have raised 20,000. Many groups have donated dollars and promised to donate their time. This project will be held Jan 23 and 24 with setup on Jan 22. Items still needed are: Boom lift telehandler, AVT and Microphone equipment.

Next years budgets: All committees need to have budgets turned into the Trustees or Exec Board by December 1.

New Business

Auditor for church books. Trustees will work with Sheryl on this. Sheryl has been in contact with the Auditor.

Annual meeting will be held on January 11, 2026

Annual reports are due in the office by December 1.

There will be a Temple Talk after church on Sunday October 19.

Correspondence: none

Next meeting will be held on November 9 at 10:45am after church. Devotions by Morgan.

Closed with Prayer by Morgan.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Pollert
Church Council Secretary

OCTOBER 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 October 13, 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. Nikole Hoggarth shared a devotion.

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

Treasurer's Report: Michelle presented the financial report for September 2025. The beginning balance for September was \$16,174.02 with deposits of \$93.00 and expenses of \$2,698.57. **Bills submitted and paid in September:** Dakota Dust Tex \$183.05, Leever's \$65.71, Julee Erdmann \$24.95, Kristen Reinke \$66.92, Daily Bread \$1,400.00, Lutheran Home Of The Good Shepard \$500.00 and Mary Struxness \$457.94. **Current bills to be approved and paid in October:** Leever's (Blast \$236.93, Fall Supper \$47.47, Kitchen \$4.00 & Coffee \$17.57) \$305.97, Dakota Dust Tex (rug rental) \$183.05, Julee Erdmann (Kitchen \$103.20, Blast \$33.92 & Fall Supper buns \$24.50) \$161.62 and Dacotah Paper (Fall Supper containers) \$182.63. Nikole moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Kristen seconded it. All were in favor.

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

Fellowship Report: No report. Next for Fellowship will be planning a day for Christmas Decorating.

Stewardship Report: Kristen shared that this year's Thank Offering Sunday will be November 23rd. Kristen asked where we would like to donate this year's Thank Offering? Nikole suggested and made a motion to donate this year's offering to a family in need from our own Trinity family. Karen seconded. All were in favor.

Correspondence: Thank You from The Lutheran Home of The Good Shepard for donation. ** Thank you card from Holly Zieman for all that WOW does for our church. ** Donation request from The Woman's Care Center.

Old and Unfinished Business: Julee reported that they served 190 meals in house and 254 take out meals for this year's fall supper. Michelle reported that there is still donations and expenses coming in from the fall supper so she will have a more accurate amount of this year's profit at next month's meeting.

New Business:

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 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.

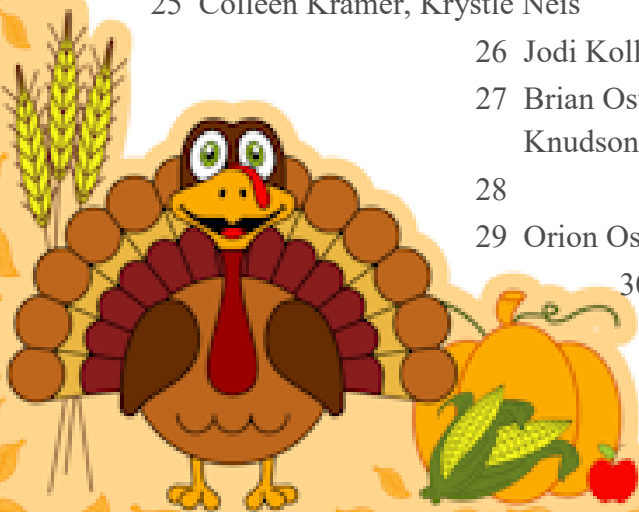
For More Information visit <https://musicalhorizonsinternational.com/star-of-north-dakota> or scan this code with your smartphone camera.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Kenzie Edland, Crew Gussiaas, Jerold Hertel, Michelle Kliem, Tom Thurlow, Matt & Jane VanRay
- 2 Bryar Beach, Brooklyn Knudson, Kari Smith, CJ Whitman
- 3 Phyllis Gussiaas, Carrie Hovdenes, Chloe Hovdenes, Ean Hovdenes, Denise Shipman, Jane VanRay, Bristol Zink
- 4 Kolly VanRay
- 5 Jerry Kollman, Wally Scheen, Cole Seaburg, Jacob Seaburg
- 6 Amanda Bickett, Roger Schlotman
- 7 Jodi Hovdenes, Ethan Johnson, Sawyer Lies, Matt Paulson
- 8 Nick Pierson, Lori Solberg
- 9 Tripp Hintz, Beth Lura, Jon Oatis
- 10 Janelle Dunwoody, Karsyn Erdmann, Blair Gussiaas, Sandy Trader
- 11 Reegan Ingebretson, Andrew Rzaszutak, Preston & Leah Carr
- 12 Barbara & Richard Nysted
- 13 Jayleigh VandeHoven
- 14 Craig Mozelle, Ember Rosenau
- 15
- 16 Cory McKibben
- 17 Jo Pollert, Drew Thurlow
- 18 Jessie Fiebiger, Dustin Hinrichs
- 19 Blake Johnson, Shannon Mehning
- 20 Berty Klocke, Charlie Thompson, Tammi & Tom Thurlow, Diane & Steve Zwinger
- 21 Brenda & John Miller, Michael & Kristin Simons
- 22 Bonnie Berg, Amy Seaburg
- 23 Dianne Larson, Ty Zink
- 24 Joel Gussiaas, Grant Johnson, Marshall Rzaszutak
- 25 Colleen Kramer, Krystle Neis
- 26 Jodi Koll
- 27 Brian Oster, Ken Wangen, Carlen & Matthew Hone, Billie & Jeff Knudson
- 28
- 29 Orion Ostlie
- 30 Mike Neis, Lindsay Ostlie, Tammi Thurlow



NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30am Worship/ Communion All Saints Day Blast Students Sing 10:30am Coffee Hour	3 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding	4	5 5:15-6:15pm WOW Family Supper 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	6	7 Church Office Closed	8
9 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:45am Council Meeting 2:00pm Gronseth Concert	10 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding 7:00pm WOW Meeting	11	12 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	13	14 Church Office Closed	15
16 9:30am Worship/ Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour	17 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding	18 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	19 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	20	21 Church Office Closed	22
23 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	24 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding	25	26 NO BLAST/ Confirmation	27 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour						

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November 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

