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## A message from Pastor Rick:



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

August is here and that means many things: school will be here before we know it, Fall sports are beginning, the days are hot and humid and the beginning of a new year for the church. True, the church year does not follow the traditional calendar and officially begins with Advent, but for many the church year corresponds with the school year. As a result we will be kicking this year off with Rally Day (see the snippet in this newsletter).

Unfortunately, we in the church world, not just here at Trinity, have experienced that many have taken summer to be a time off from not only school but also attending church functions, especially worship. I have always taught that worship is about your relationship with God and how you tend to it. Worship is not about how Trinity plays music or does liturgy and such, although those are integral parts of worship, it is about your time with God. I also know that with service online it is sometimes easier to get your cup of coffee and sit in your jammies and worship from home.

Please hear this not as judgement, if I wasn't a Pastor I may just do the same. Here is the deal, **I MISS YOU**. As I preach, as we share fellowship, as life goes on, I miss seeing your faces here. I miss swapping stories with you and hearing your laughter. I miss the little ones running around with the noisy offering buckets. **I MISS YOU**.

Bottom line is this, as humans, we need connection. We need each other for conversation, for affection, for love, for support, for ... Come on back to in-person worship. Tend to your human relationships but more importantly tend to your relationship with God. Come and see what God is up to at Trinity and come and be a part of it.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick

**SHARE YOUR  
IDEAS WITH US.**

Is there a  
ministry you would  
like to be a part of  
at Trinity?

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**Sunday, September 12, 2021**


**Sunday School for everyone ages 4 years and up...**

Worship will be outdoors. Please join us for a potluck—we will be grilling hotdogs—bring a dish to share.

**Trinity Lutheran News**



# Trinity Tidings



## WE ARE THANKFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Arlene Fisher  
Duna Frigaard

In Memory of Dennis Lura  
Shirley Norgard

In Memory of Terrie Lura  
Shirley Norgard  
Lynn & Sonja Johnson

In Memory of Connie Ramsey  
Roger & Alice Schilke

In Memory of Pastor E.R. Schmidt  
Ruth Evans  
Lynn & Sonja Johnson  
Mark & Nancy Lunde

In Memory of Willis VanderWal  
Ruth Evans

In Memory of Kathleen Rognlie  
Shirley Norgard  
Richard & Phyllis Trostad



All memorials received are deposited to the Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Fund. These funds are used to pay for special projects as designated by the donor. Designations currently established are: Banners, Altar Guild, Pew Cushions, Music, Rock Garden, SAMs Program, Sunday School, Youth and Undesignated. Please indicate if you would like your memorial designated to one of these or another of your choice. Your giving in honor or memory of loved ones is greatly appreciated.



## In the Trinity Courtyard:

- ◆ **Sunday, August 8**
- ◆ **Sunday, August 22**
- ◆ **Sunday, September 12**  
[BYO CHAIR]



**Get ready for**  
God's work. Our hands.  
**Sunday**  
September 12, 2021



*"whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me" ~Matthew 18:5*

**\*If you would be willing to be a Sunday School teacher when the program starts up again in September, please visit with Pr. Rick.**



## OFFERING COUNTERS

### SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTING TEAMS

- \* **August**—Chris & Connie
  - \* **Sept**—Beverly & Shirley
  - \* **Oct**—Ruth & Lois
- Thank you!



We are in the process of discerning what ministries to start or restart for our community and **we need your input.**

So, **people of Trinity**, is there a ministry idea that you would like to see here at Trinity? Is there something missing that has been done in the past and you would like to bring back?

Are you searching for ways to connect at church?

Are you willing to serve in some capacity? All ideas are welcome!

**Please contact Pastor Rick or Allison with your ideas.** There will be time at Rally Day to get involved and maybe sign up for something.





### “God’s work. Our hands.” is September 12, 2021.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

Your Trinity council will be organizing our congregation on this workday. If you have projects that you could use a little help with, please make note of it on our project list posted in the narthex.

*Thank You!*



**Red Willow Ministries**

**QUILTS & MORE AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, August 28**

**Red Willow Bible Camp**

- 10:00 Viewing opens in the gym—  
Silent auction in the Chapel
- 11-12:00 Picnic lunch
- 1:00 Live auction
- 2:30 Raffle drawing (tickets \$5)
- Handcrafted items, theme baskets,  
home-canned pickles & preserves, and  
much more!



Please help to support the camp  
with a chance to win a twin  
sized quilt generously donated  
by Designer Fabrics in  
Carrington, ND

See Lois Knudson to  
purchase raffle tickets.  
\$5 each



## RALLY DAY

### Rally Day September 12th Worship, Fellowship, Service and Potluck

Rally Day traditionally is the day the Fall programming year kicks off. This year we will gather to worship at 9:30 followed by fellowship with coffee and goodies served. During this time you will also have the opportunity to ask about and sign up for different ministries at Trinity.

There will be a short Sunday School lesson and activity.

Then we get to work—it is God’s Work Our Hands Sunday as well. We will work on projects around the church and in the community. If you have any projects, please contact the office.

Finally, we’ll meet back at Trinity around 12:30pm for a potluck complete with grilled hotdogs provided by the church.

### Please plan to attend.





# COUNCIL MINUTES



## Edited TLC Council Meeting Minutes May 5, 2021, 7:00pm

Present: Pastor Rick, Bob Schlotman, Nicky Wathne, Karen Hornung, Charles Olson, Dane Mueller, Scott Loge, Allison Anderson

Meeting was called to order by president, Bob Schlotman.

### Devotions

#### 1. Old Business

- Delegates to the synod convention in August – yet to be determined.

#### 2. Office Manager's Report

- Motion to approve the report by Scott, second by Charlie. Motion carried.

#### 3. Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve the report by Scott, second by Dane. Motion carried.

#### 4. Property/Building Committee Report

- Bulbs in the up lights have been replaced.
- Projects at the parsonage will be completed while Pastor and family are gone in June.
- Charlie asked for style preferences for the library wall divider. He will research options and gather prices.
- The church furnace repair and upgrade is complete. We received the final payment from insurance.

#### 5. Property/Grounds Committee Report

- Dane and Scott will be reseeding grass. The bushes on the north side of the church will be trimmed.
- Scott has notified the telephone company of the hole in the junction box cover near the dumpster.
- The council discussed ideas for improving the landscaping on the east side of the church and resurfacing of the parking lot.

#### 6. Evangelism Committee Report-tabled.

#### 7. Social & Fellowship Committee Report

- Potluck went well – small crowd.
- Church picnic may be held on June 27 after an outdoor

worship. The council suggested inviting other churches to the picnic and holding it at a time that would follow their worship services. Serving coffee at the outdoor service on July 11<sup>th</sup> was also suggested.

#### 8. Stewardship Committee Report

- Bingo in the Fall months was discussed.

#### 9. Education Report-tabled.

#### 10. Worship Committee Report

- Worship is planned through July.
- Use of the Narrative Lectionary begins in September.

#### 11. New Business

- Service and Fellowship Groups-Karen agreed to chair a committee to discuss an update or a reset of how we handle serving of funerals.
- Noise Offering designation – the kids will be collecting the offering once again. The council suggested that the offering collected until June 27 should be designated to the Food Pantry.

#### 12. Pastor's Time

- Pastor Rick has arranged for coverage during his leave.
- Graduating Senior recognition and Baccalaureate will be May 16 at Trinity.

#### 13. President's Remarks

- Bob thanked Dane for his work with the potluck and the council members for what they bring to the table.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Anderson, Office Manager

## Edited TLC Council Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2021, 7:00pm

Present: Pastor Rick, Bob Schlotman, Karen Hornung, Charles Olson, Dane Mueller, Paige Hanson, Allison Anderson

Meeting was called to order by president, Bob Schlotman.

### Devotions

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#### 1. Old Business

- Delegates to the synod convention, August 13-15 – Bob Schlotman will be attending.
- Landscaping on the east side of the church – tabled for more discussion.

#### 2. Office Manager's Report

- Motion to approve the report by Karen, second by Dane. Motion carried.

#### 3. Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve the report by Dane, second by Paige. Motion carried.

#### 4. Property/Building Committee Report

- Tasks completed: shingles repaired, unused ducting removed from parsonage attic, leaky water line to rock garden repaired, A/C units cleaned, parsonage garage door fixed. Charlie is compiling a yearly to-do list.
- Mike Hanson will look at our outdoor lights.
- Charlie will contact the telephone company again regarding the junction box cover in the parking lot.

#### 5. Property/Grounds Committee Report

- Scott Loge will be organizing a church clean up and work day and continues to seek bids for sealing the parking lot.

#### 6. Evangelism Committee Report

- The June blood drive was successful. Of the 44 donors, 33 were eligible which included 2 new donors, and 5 double units were collected for a total of 38 products.

#### 7. Social & Fellowship Committee Report

- The Fireworks Display on July 9<sup>th</sup> went well.
- Dane hopes to organize a church potluck this fall.

#### 8. Stewardship Committee Report

- Karen hopes to organize some games as fundraisers this fall.

#### 9. Education Report

- Pastor Rick has purchased new curriculum that will follow along with our Sunday worship using the narrative lectionary.
- Rally Sunday will be September 12. Sunday School leaders and helpers are needed. His goal is to have all join in as a cross generational program.

#### 10. Worship Committee Report

- Bringing forward of the Sunday offering has been added back to the worship service. The committee will be meeting the end of July.

#### 11. New Business

- The washer and dryer at the parsonage are not working. Paige made a motion that a new set be purchased from Lumber Mart, second by Charlie. Motion carried.
- Pizza & Discussion – the fund has been depleted leaving a small balance due the Pizza Ranch. Dane made a motion that Trinity pay the balance at Pizza Ranch from the General Fund, second by Paige. Motion carried.
- UCW meeting space – Karen made a motion to allow the group to use Bethany Hall, second by Dane. Motion carried. The next noon luncheon of the UCW will be in September.
- Noise Offering designation – Dane made a motion to designate the offering until the end of August to the Pizza & Discussion fund, second by Charlie. Motion carried.
- Office printer replacement –new printer has been leased from Central Business Systems, Jamestown.
- Athletic Booster support – Dane made a motion to purchase a \$500 membership (the same as last year) in support of the youth program, second by Paige. Motion carried.

#### 12. Pastor's Time

- Pastor Rick thanked everyone for allowing his time off. He is looking forward to August and September and the start of the narrative lectionary.
- His annual Denver Bronco's game trip is scheduled for January 1-6.
- Pastor asked for ideas to deal with what seems to be a lack of excitement about church. Should a letter be sent with a survey to find out what people would be interested in? What will bring them back to church? All ideas are welcome.

### President's Remarks

Bob suggested the use of a survey app and encouraged all to talk to your neighbors. He commented that as attendance was up for both of the outdoor services we schedule more to be outdoors.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Anderson, Office Manager