

Trinity News

August 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Office Hours:
M-Th. 8:00-4:00
Friday 8:00

Sunday Worship:

8:30 Traditional Service

10:15 Contemporary
Service

Communion served on 1st
and 3rd Sundays:

August 6
August 20

Tune in to KOTA radio 1380
AM or FM 100.7 on your
dial to listen to the 8:30 am
worship service.

Bulletins can be found on
our web page .
trintyrapidcity.360unite.com



Dear Fellow Ministers,

I am planning on taking a sabbatical in October. One definition which I found describes sabbatical as “a period during which an employee can take time away from work to study or travel.” The granting of a sabbatical is a part of the policy manual of our congregation. The South Dakota Synod as well as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the ELCA, also have policies in place which encourage rostered leaders to take a sabbatical. So far in my career I have not taken a sabbatical.

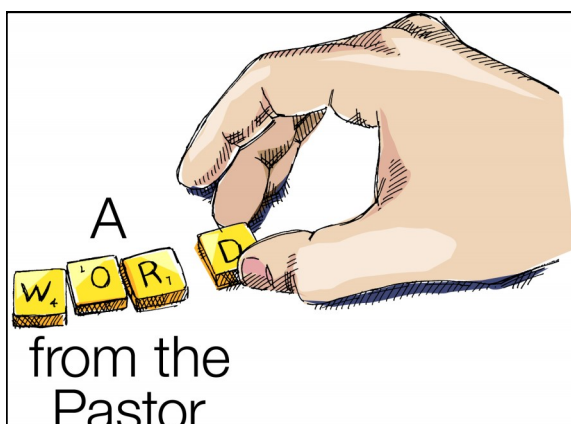
Sabbatical of course comes from sabbath, that idea of taking the day of rest in order to be ready to do what is needed in the coming week. A sabbatical is an extended period of time where rest and study, a break from the usual is provided.

My plan for my sabbatical is to spend the month of October in Americus, Georgia. That is the site of Koinonia Farm. From their website –

Koinonia Farm was founded in 1942 by Clarence and Florence Jordan and Martin and Mabel England as a “demonstration plot for the Kingdom of God.” For them, this meant an intentional community of believers sharing their lives and resources, following the example of the first Christian communities as described in the Acts of the Apostles. Other families soon joined, and visitors to the farm were invited to “serve a period of apprenticeship in developing community life on the teachings and principles of Jesus.” From the beginning, Koinonians emphasized the brotherhood and sisterhood of all people. When we could afford to hire seasonal help, Black and White workers were paid a fair, equal wage. When the community and its guests and workers prayed or ate a meal, we all sat together at the table, regardless of color. Our commitment to racial equality, pacifism, and economic sharing brought bullets, bomb and a boycott in the 1950s as the KKK and others attempted to force us out. As the threats of violence dwindled, we focused on the poor quality of local housing and began a project to build decent, affordable homes for our neighbors. The housing ministry evolved into Habitat for Humanity International under the leadership of Millard and Linda Fuller, who were members of Koinonia.

I learned of this farm by learning of Clarence Jordan. He is one of the author's in the collection of writings which we are using for adult study on Sunday mornings. As I have discussed my plans with others, Helen Olsen, wife of retired pastor Will Olsen, told me that she had heard Clarence Jordan speak when she was a student at Brookings. Helen grew up in the Baptist Church and was familiar with the ministry of Clarence Jordan and Koinonia Farm. I look forward to the living and working in community which I will experience this fall. It will be a return to those camp counselor days of too many years ago.

Thank you Trinity Lutheran for giving me the opportunity to take a sabbatical this fall. Other pastors have been arranged to be present to preach and preside at communion. Penny Steinken will also take on some of the preaching duties. Other colleagues in the area have offered to be of help if that is needed.



Blessings,
Pastor Wilbur

Church Council Highlights July, 2023

- Jonathan Steiner, Director for Evangelical Mission for the SD Synod, has resigned his position.
- Plans are underway for the August 5 congregational pool party.
- Trinity staff recently attended a meeting with several other entities who feed the homeless in Rapid City. A centralized feeding location at the soccer field on Denver Street is under discussion, but no definitive time table is being offered at this time. Penny reported that Mary from Feeding South Dakota made a point of encouraging Trinity to continue their feeding program. Trinity is one of the few programs with regularly scheduled feeding hours and days and many people depend upon this program.
- Income for June was \$26,703.93 and expenses totaled \$26,768.89.
- KOTA continues to work with Trinity to fine tune the Sunday radio broadcast after their move to a new studio location.
- Trinity's rummage sale has been scheduled for August 11-12.
- The Council discussed forming a committee to envision and implement ways to invite our "newest neighbors" (those moving into apartment complexes within a block or two of the church) to Trinity. Several ideas of how to welcome people were discussed.
- Talks are underway about how to make our Narthex more inviting and roomier. Some ideas being discussed are: removing one of the pews and a bookshelf, creating a kiosk for handing out information to visitors, installing an electronic device to project a schedule of church activities and special events, and brightening/lightening the narthex.
- The Worship and Music Committee continues to seek a choir director and an additional piano player.
- The Worship and Music Committee is considering going to all gluten free communion wafers and apple juice instead of grape juice. Wine would still be an option.

August Birthdays!

<u>Aug. 1:</u>	Marilyn Fairchild
<u>Aug. 2:</u>	Carla Tenold
<u>Aug. 4:</u>	Ardee Hinzman
<u>Aug. 5:</u>	Pete Peterson
<u>Aug. 10:</u>	Lindsey Junge
<u>Aug. 12:</u>	Verna Cochran
<u>Aug. 13:</u>	Karen Bulman
<u>Aug. 14:</u>	Canon Tenold
<u>Aug. 15:</u>	Shane Moore
<u>Aug. 16:</u>	Pete Mechaley
<u>Aug. 19:</u>	Brice Denton
<u>Aug. 20:</u>	Deb Bart
<u>Aug. 21:</u>	Jay Hieb, Deb Luxem
<u>Aug. 22:</u>	Ruth Denton Amber Jandreau Ellie Braun
<u>Aug. 25:</u>	Stephanie Wolf
<u>Aug. 27:</u>	Jeannine Barton
<u>Aug. 29:</u>	Cindy Elder
<u>Aug. 31:</u>	L. J. Tenold

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY



Group Meetings and Other Important Information



KOTA Broadcast Each Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Tune into KOTA radio 1380 AM or FM 100.7 on your dial! Or, stream the service on your computer or phone at tunein.com or kotaradio.com

“Wednesday Fellowship Luncheon” meets at 12:00 noon in the lounge on August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Join us for a brown bag lunch and Pastor Holz will go over the next Sunday's lessons after.

Church Council will meet Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge.

All women of Trinity are welcome to participate in the TLC Women's Bible Study. Please feel free to visit.

TLC Women's Bible Study will meet Thurs., August 10 and 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Library/Lounge. Alice Bentley leads this Bible Study.

CLOTHE-A-KID Program

Although Love, INC has changed how they manage the CLOTHE-A-KID Program, it is still a vital part of their ministry. Trinity has long been a big supporter with cash donations to help kids go back to school with new clothes.

In August, there will be the familiar sign up sheet in the entryway and the office where you can sign up to donate. Although shopping happens year round now and is connected to a parent finishing one of many classes offered through Life, INC we will send in one donation from Trinity at the end of August. Thanks for yet another way you join in being good neighbors sharing with those in need.



Horace Mann Pool

Saturday, August 5, 2023

9:30 - 11:30 am

**We are ONE CHURCH
Let's get to know each other**

**Come meet other Lutherans
FUN! For all ages.**

Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church

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News and Announcements



Church Rummage Sale August 11-12

The church rummage sale has been scheduled for August 11-12 in the Fellowship Hall. On Friday, August 11, shop early (from 5:00-7:00 p.m.) by paying the \$3.00 "early bird" entrance fee. On Saturday, August 12, you may shop between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Funds raised at the rummage sale will be used for the Boiler Replacement Fund.

You may bring rummage items to the church from July 24 through August 7.



The Tuesday Luncheon will meet on October 10 at 11:45. Come and hear an speaker! Enjoy the fellowship of other men and women. The food is always great! Mark your calendar!

- * This is a potluck style lunch or you can make a \$5.00 donation.



NFL "Pick Um"

Help raise funds for the 2025 Tijuana house build! Each Sunday, beginning September 2, fill out the weekly NFL "pick um" schedule in the church entryway and place in the indicated box. Free will donation to play.



MORAVIAN DAILY TEXT

The Moravian Daily Text is an ongoing classic devotional used around the world, which offers an inspirational connection to the Bible each day. There is a different daily watchword, Old and New Testament verses, beautiful hymn texts and heartfelt prayers. Daily readings from the Bible translation of your choice will take you through the Psalms and half of the Old and New Testaments in two years.

If you are interested in preordering one for a 10% discount, call the office or Penny by August 10. The cost of if ordered by that date is \$11 or \$14 for large print.



ALTAR GUILD

You may have noticed subtle changes with Communion at Trinity recently. Finding white grape juice has been difficult and when a visitor mentioned they were allergic to all things grape, the switch was made to apple juice. One more change is in the works. We are checking out moving to all gluten free wafers. Since we love the participation of our volunteer servers, it is difficult to ensure those who need gluten free would not be served following the touch of many wafers with gluten - a potential hazard. After hearing of churches making the switch, we will order the wafers and try them to see if it will work for us as well.

Boiler Issues

The Properties Committee has been watching the performance of the Trinity heating and cooling system with some concern for its operating condition. The system was purchased through a bidding process in 1996. The approximate cost at that time was \$62,600 and it was rolled into an array of renovation elements which were bundled together for financing purposes.

The system is a complex package of boilers with an automated control system that allows the system to function on a "demand" basis. The operation typically switches from one boiler to the other and usually runs during the colder months with both boilers, only in the coldest periods when the demand is at its peak. Recent years have seen some expensive repairs accomplished that have taken an extended period of time to order the required replacement parts. Our maintenance contractors have experienced difficulty in locating original equipment replacement parts and we are currently in our 5th month waiting for a critical part for the second boiler. While it is a reliable system when fully operational our concern is rising for its dependability. The age of the system is approaching 30 years and we can ill afford to lose either of the boilers throwing a long period of strain on the other during the winter months. Boilers are generally long lived but are usually operated with a much higher level of maintenance and care than these have seen for their effective lifetime.

We have shared our concern with the Church Council and the Finance Committee, and they have approved our establishment of a dedicated funding account. This account would help to defray the difficult funding for repair and or replacement should the need arise. It will take some time and dedicated effort to grow the fund to a level that would allow replacement, but we need to start planning for the inevitable problems that will surface with these 30-year-old complex systems. By a not too reliable system of estimating we expect that the replacement of the system will exceed \$120,000 to \$140,000 dollars. We project that the failure would likely occur during a time of

our greatest need and compound the issues. Damage from a heating failure during the coldest months would create additional structural damage that we could ill afford.

If you have any questions concerning our assessment of this issue, please feel free to attend one of our monthly Property Committee meetings or attend one of the Council meetings to share your concerns or ask any questions.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Properties Committee



BLESSINGS BOX

What is a God moment?

A God Moment is that personal encounter one may experience where God's purpose, presence and love is revealed. Sometimes it may present itself through a message in a song or prayer. A God Moment may also be an episode where you experience the affirming words or actions of others unknowingly encouraging you while meeting a challenge. The results of these special moments usually are an awakening that God was interceding on your behalf.

In the hectic pace of life, if we are not careful, we will miss the frequency of these amazing encounters. Yet, God has a way in these moments to capture our attention.

Reflect upon those God Moments you simply took for granted! God has kept you. What's my proof? Where is my evidence? That's YOU! You are still here! That's a God Moment! When everything else tried to break you. You are still standing — a God Moment! When unexpected circumstances tried to break you, yet, you endured — a God Moment! When a pandemic tried to break you, but you are still here despite it all — that's another God Moment. When fear tried to break, God whispered in your spirit — HOLD ON — that was a God Moment.

BY REV. LEWIS MACKLIN AND MARK SWEETWOOD

Don't forget to write down your God moments and put them in the God Moment Box at church. We will share them in the monthly newsletter anonymously or with your name as you wish.

Thanks! Evangelism Committee

JOIN THE Youth Group

**August 16 Family potluck at
Salamun's 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Youth Adventure

14 youth and Russ and Dalaina took a Black Hills adventure trip. On Friday we went to the Rush Adventure park and toured the cave and rode a few rides before the lightning started. From the adventure park we headed to the Black Hills Retreat Center. Each day we had devotions and quiet time, most of our youth committed to reading the book of John. Each evening we had line dance lessons from Kamryn and Addyson Stauffacher. We also had worship each evening and talked about how we can draw closer to God. We had many fun activities throughout the day and campfires at night. At the end of the trip I think everyone felt closer to Jesus.







MISSIONS CORNER



At our July missions meeting we were blessed with a visit from Steve and Prae Keller. They are currently working with missionaries in the Middle East. The missions committee has been partnering with them as they bring the love of Christ into a predominantly Muslim country. They shared the many ways God has been moving and opening doors for them in their community. This past year they have been working very hard learning the language and customs of the area. They have been building relationships and by the grace of God getting chances to share the love of God and connect with people through the stories of the Bible! They shared that their work, the work of God, is often done one person at a time!

They asked for prayer for unity as a team and the ability to gauge interest so they can know where to invest their time and love.

If anyone would like to have more information or find out how to partner with them as they do the work of spreading the Gospel please contact someone on the missions committee.

Thank you and Godspeed,
The Missions Committee



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT/Month Ending July, 2022

Trinity Lutheran Church Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual June 2023

	Jun 23	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Contributions and Offering	26,065.42	29,786.38
Interest & Dividend Income	235.19	
Other Income	403.32	
Total Income	26,703.93	29,786.38
Gross Profit	26,703.93	29,786.38
Expense		
10 Staff Expense	19,723.46	20,767.43
11 Operations Expense	1,910.55	1,355.68
12 Properties Expense	2,210.88	5,434.74
13 Missions Expense	2,553.08	2,800.00
14 Evangelism Expense	0.00	25.00
15 Parish Education Expense	0.00	62.46
16 Youth Expenses	0.00	108.33
17 Music and Worship Expense	49.52	129.17
19 Stewardship Expense	0.00	0.00
Payroll Expenses	321.40	0.00
Total Expense	26,768.89	30,682.81
Net Ordinary Income	-64.96	-896.43
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 12:00 Brown bag Fellowship Lunch (Lounge)	3 10:30 Staff Meeting (Library)	4 Cornerstone Meal with Dirk Courchaine	5 9:30 Pool Party at Horace Mann Pool
6 <u>Shopping Cart Sunday!</u> 8:30 Worship & Communion 9:35 Coffee & Conversation 10:15 Worship & Communion	7 1:30 Finance Committee Meeting (Library)	8 6:30 Church Council (Lounge)	9 12:00 Brown bag Fellowship Lunch (Lounge)	10 9:00 TLC Women's Bible Study (Library/Lounge) 10:30 Staff Meeting (Breezeway)	11	12
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September 2023

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST, 2023

GREETERS

USHERS

LECTOR

COUNTERS

COMMUNION

**ALTAR
GUILD**

August 6
8:30

Front door
Tim Klapperich
Desiree Klapperich

Sean Bialas
Dean Schmaltz

Karen Bulman

Bonnie Warejcka
JoAnn Holcomb

Kristie Taylor
Julie Jensen
Stephanie Wolf
Barb Powers
Jean Bouska
Penny Steinken

Blessing:
Michelle Mechaley

Joann Holcomb
Charlotte Wilsey
Arletta Schuh

8:30 Food
Certificates:
Faye Schroeder

8:30 Sound Board:
John Goff

August 13
8:30

Front door
Jim Schuh
Arletta Schuh

Greg Whitcher
Nancy Whitcher

Iler Anderson

Jo Tracy
Stacey Schmaltz

Candace Burns
Judy Mattson
Tami Krull

8:30 Food
Certificates:
Don Hackett

8:30 Sound Board:
Jared Regelin

August 20
8:30

Front door
Marie Sailer
Jo Tracy

Paul Fauss
Vic Tisher

David Doyle

Gina DeleBarre
Glenn DeleBarre

Alice Bentley
Barry Elder
Cindy Elder
Arletta Schuh
Ranae Truman
Judy Mattson

Blessing:
Julie Jensen

Candace Burns
Judy Mattson
Tami Krull

8:30 Food
Certificates:
Stacey Schmaltz

8:30 Sound Board:
Tim Pavek

August 27
8:30

Front door
Joann Holcomb
Wendy Hanken

Dean Schmaltz
Dave Ohlen

Amber Jandreau

Paul Fauss
Faye Schroeder

Marilyn Denison
Michele Wise
Marie Sailer

8:30 Food
Certificates:
Bonnie Warejcka

8:30 Sound Board:
John Goff

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2023

GREETERS

USHERS

LECTOR

COUNTERS

COMMUNION

**ALTAR
GUILD**

SEPTEMBER 3
8:30

Front door
Nancy Whitcher
Greg Whitcher

Ken Fauss
Wendy Hanken

Ken Steinken

Jim Schuh
Bonnie Warejcka

Kathy Ruby
Shelly Ahrlin
Lee Ahrlin
Jill Jegeris
Jeanine Barton
Jo Tracy

Blessing:
Jan Kappelman

Marilyn Denison
Michele Wise
Marie Sailer

8:30 Sound Board:
Jared Regelin

8:30 Food
Certificates:
Jean Bouska

SEPTEMBER 10
8:30

Front door
Mike Burns
Candace Burns

George Powers
Jim Powers

Karen Versaille

Gina DeleBarre
Glenn DeleBarre

Bonnie Warejcka
Stacey Schmaltz

8:30 Sound Board:
Tim Pavak

8:30 Food
Certificates:
Cindy Elder

SEPTEMBER 17
8:30

Front door
Doug Krull
Tami Krull

Phillip Rogers
Paul Fauss

Carol Weiss

Jo Tracy
Faye Schroeder

Dean Schmaltz
Amber Jandreau
Marie Sailer
Michelle Wise
Gina DeleBarre
Glen DeleBarre

Blessings:
Jim Schuh

Bonnie Warejcka
Stacey Schmaltz

8:30 Sound Board:
John Goff

8:30 Food
Certificates:
Noreen Scholl

SEPTEMBER 24
8:30

Front door
Michael Stout
Onita Stout

Dirk Courchaine
Beth Courchaine

Michelle Mechaley

Stacey Schmaltz
JoAnn Holcomb

Joann Holcomb
Charlotte Wilsey
Arletta Schuh

8:30 Sound Board:
Jared Regelin

8:30 Food
Certificates:
Faye Schroeder

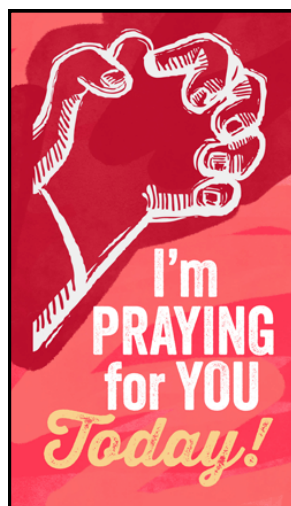
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Shopping Cart Sunday:
August 6

Fellowship Lunch @ NOON:
Brown Bag - August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Church Council @6:30pm:
August 8

TLC Women's Bible Study:
August 10 and 17



Trinity Lutheran Church Staff:

Senior Pastor	Wilbur Holz
Parish Associate	Penny Steinken
Youth Ministry	Russ/Dalaina Salamun
Staff Associate-Finances	Dalaina Salamun
Office Manager	Kayla Sullivan
Custodian	Russ Salamun
Organists	Caroline Straub & Kaia Murphy
Eco Prayer Park Cord.	Ken Steinken
Rosebud Missionary	Dorothy Peterson
Trinity News Editors	Kayla Sullivan



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are disciples of Jesus with open doors, open hands, and open hearts committed to making disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God.