

# Trinity News

**JULY/AUGUST  
2025**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
402 Kansas City Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
605-342-9302  
[trinityluth@rushmore.com](mailto:trinityluth@rushmore.com)

Find us on Facebook, X,  
Bluesky, or Instagram!

Office Hours:  
M-Th. 8:00-4:00  
Fridays 8:00-12:00

Sunday Worship:  
Traditional Service  
8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service/  
Service of the Word  
\*Resumes in the Fall\*

Communion served on 1st  
and 3rd Sundays as well as  
special festivals:

July 6, 20  
August 3, 17

Wednesday Worship:  
5:30 p.m.

Communion on :  
July 9  
August 13

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](http://trintyrapidcity.360unite.com)



**Faith** is taking the  
*first step even*  
when you don't see the whole  
**staircase.**

—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.





## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Fellow Ministers,

What sort of disagreements are there in your world? I suspect there are many and they no doubt range in significance.

Does pineapple belong on pizza? Dry rub or slathered in sauce, which is the best way to cook those ribs on a grill? Is it going to be easier to go through downtown or use Catron to get to Sheridan Lake Road when returning home from The Hills? Should I use Omaha or Main Street? Is there truly any sport more exciting than baseball?

I could go on of course because there are so many disagreements which we have in our day to day lives. Where to eat, what to eat, which businesses should we patronize? Should we shop online or shop local, natural yard or manicured grass are a few more which come to my mind.

Here at Trinity we are caught up in a rather major disagreement. In early June a meeting was held at the request of members of the Rapid City Police Department. They expressed concerns about our feeding program, not the program itself as much as the consequences or results of the program. As a result of this meeting a discussion was held at our semi-annual meeting about caring for our neighbors. The same discussion has been held in other groups as well. One of the things which I have said often during this time is that it is good to have a conversation about what we do. Is it the right thing? Does it achieve what we want? What might be better ways for us to do what we are called to do?

Over the years we have made adjustments to our caring for our neighbors. We have shortened the time during which we serve food. We have limited the number of people we will serve during the day. We have instituted a co-pay system for gas vouchers and for identifying documents. In all of that though we have not wrestled with some of those very hard questions which are at the heart of what we do and the heart of who we are. That is what we are doing now. As a result of those discussions and the conversation with the police officers we have taken a break from handing out food for two weeks. That gives us time to think, to

discuss, to see what happens when something different is being done.

For me there are two central beliefs which must be held as we discuss an issue which is much more sensitive than which spectator sport is the most fun to watch. The first of those beliefs comes from Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron one person sharpens another." When discussions are done well both parties grow in understanding as thoughts and ideas are exchanged. When what I hold is challenged it gives me the opportunity to reexamine what I think and believe, and to refine the defense of what I hold, or maybe approach the issue with new understanding. The other is from Martin Luther, his explanation to the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment. "We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light." What motivates this person to say what is being said? What is their desire? What is their heart? What values do they hold dear?

In the heat of a 'discussion' when passions are riding high, it might be a little difficult to hold on to such thoughts. For the sake of community, we need to let such thoughts guide what we say. We are having a difficult discussion in our congregation and obviously there are valid points on both sides. Caring for our neighbors is a key part of who we are and what we do. Caring for our neighbors also has many visible and invisible consequences. Is there a magic bullet, a perfect answer, I doubt it. So let us talk and discuss and disagree and pray that we might arrive at a very good even though it is not a perfect answer.

Blessings,  
Pastor Wilbur





July 2: Cade Jandreau  
 Marie Sailer  
July 3: Marvin Bouska  
 Luke Jegeris  
July 5: Brett Wilsey  
July 8: Dan Arnio  
July 10: Amanda Hieb  
July 12: David Doyle  
July 13: Cheryl Junge  
July 17: JoAnn Holcomb  
July 18: Arlyce Naeve  
July 19: Annika Schmaltz  
 Ranae Truman  
July 20: Dalaina Salamun  
July 21: Cindy Gruba  
July 24: Candace Burns  
 Chuck Paulson  
 Carley Taylor  
July 26: Matt McGeehon  
July 27: Julie Jensen  
 Victor Tisher  
July 28: Clark Haugtvedt Thomas  
July 29: Meribelle Regelin  
July 31: Cody Klapperich

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Weddings:

June 28, 2025—

Victoria Karnes  
 Zach Lemmon

### Funerals:

June 2, 2025

Milton Adam



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







## Group Meetings & 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](http://tunein.com) or [kotaradio.com](http://kotaradio.com)

**“Wednesday Fellowship Luncheon”** This is a brown bag lunch in the lounge until September. We eat lunch at noon. Pastor Holz will go over the next Sunday’s lessons after.

**Youth Committee Meeting** will happen on July 7 and August 11.

**Missions Committee Meeting** will happen on July 21 at 11 a.m. in the church library. Missions will not meet in August.

**Finance Committee Meeting** will happen on August 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the church library.

**Church Council** will meet Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge.

**TLC Women’s Bible Study** will meet Thurs., July 10, 17 and August 14, 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Library/Lounge. Alice Bentley leads this Bible Study. All Women of Trinity are welcome to participate in the TLC Women’s Bible Study. Please feel free to visit.

**Sunday School** is recessed until September.

**Youth Group** will meet at the Salamun’s on Wednesday August 6.

**Wednesday Night Service** takes place each week at 5:30 pm. Communion will be served once a month at this service on July 9 and August 13.

**Church Choir** is recessed until September.

**Marie Sailer’s Bible Study** is recessed until September.

**Weekday Bible Study** is recessed until fall.

### Thank You Received

Trinity’s Lunch and Learn group recently received a thank you from the TeamMates Mentoring Program in Rapid City for their \$70.00 gift. The thank you says:

Thank you for the invitation and donation to our program. It was great to meet you all and enjoy the company at one of your lunches. It was a privilege to join you! Thanks again. Micah Brandsrud, TeamMates of Rapid City



Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30pm in the Choir Room. The choir sings at the 8:30am service twice each month. Everyone is welcome to join! Music reading ability is helpful but not required. Come and join our wonderful choir!



### POOL PARTY

**Horace Mann Pool**  
(818 Anamosa St).  
**Saturday, August 2, 2025**  
**9:30 - 11:30 am**

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

**FUN! For all ages.**

**Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church**





## News & Announcements



### Shopping Cart Sunday is July 6 and August 3

Trinity is in need of soup (not tomato, please!), pork and beans, Vienna sausages, Cup of Noodles, Spaghettio's, or other canned pastas. Pop-top lids are preferable, but not mandatory.

We also need snack items (crackers, granola bars, cookies, fruit or pudding cups, chips, etc.), water, hand and toe warmers for our shelves.

Mark your calendars! Tim, Lori, Greg, Shelley, and Sam will be sharing their musical gifts with us during worship on July 27th at 8:30 am.



**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**



There will be a young adult Bible study at the Salamon's on August 3rd at 6 p.m.. We will be looking at Titus 2. Dinner is provided. For more information ask Dalaina or Russ!



You can now follow us on X and Instagram:

**Twitter/X** @trinityluthRC  
**Instagram** trinitylutheranRC



### Rummage Sale

Early Bird : July 18 from 5—7pm  
\$3.00 entrance fee

July 19 from 8am—1pm



Thank you for all the prayers, cards, meals, visits, and phone calls while I was healing! I love the great connections I have with all!

-Jo Tracy

### Got talents?

**We know you do, and we want to see them!**

The Evangelism committee will be putting together a bid board. So what is a bid board? Picture a checker board with each square containing a picture and description of various items. Maybe an item you have crocheted, or quilted, a fabulous dessert or dinner recipe you could cook and deliver, a plant you've grown, a wood working project, even just your time to help organize, clean, manual labor, etc.

Once people have committed to their items a bid board will be constructed and everyone will have an opportunity to bid on all items. This will not only be a fundraiser but a fun way to connect, get to know each other, have a memento to cherish from a beloved church family member for years to come, and learn each other's gifts – we all have them, let's share them with each other and have some fun in the process!

**Please have your ideas/description of items into the Evangelism Committee ( Tami Krull, Cindy Elder, Alice Bentley and Charmaine Maas) before August 1st.**







## Church Council Highlights June 10, 2025

- Constanze Hagmaier was re-elected as bishop of the S.D. Synod.
- Income for May totaled \$16,623.31 and expenses totaled \$29,304.86.
- The Council reviewed a handout on stewardship and agreed it should be made available at the semi-annual congregational meeting and published in an upcoming Trinity newsletter.
- The Council discussed problems with Walmart food certificates and the frustration of members of the congregation when they do not always work properly. There are no problems with Family Fare and Safeway food certificates. Council would like to see the sale of food certificates continue because it is an excellent way to support Church Response. They discussed putting a disclaimer in the bulletin about Walmart certificates.
- Council was informed that a meeting had taken place between Tim Doyle of the Rapid City police department, two Quality of Life officers from the RCPD, the director of the Mobile Medical Unit from the fire department, representatives from the two different security companies that are employed by Trinity and the Prayer Park, Ken Steinken and church staff and volunteers. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss increased problems with homeless individuals sleeping on church property and in the Eco Prayer Park, loitering and littering. Tim Doyle asked Trinity to consider that by providing food five mornings a week, Trinity is actually enabling the homeless population we are trying to help. Tim asked that Trinity take a two week reset and stop serving food during that time period. After much discussion, the Council agreed that: 1) the reset period was a good idea, 2) the devotions led by Alice Bentley and former Hope Center staff could continue, and 3) it may be time to consider alternate ways to assist people Instead of the feeding program.

- The Properties Committee will be prioritizing property needs and addressing the most crucial things first. Two top areas of concern are the leak in the corner of the courtyard that causes water to puddle in the fellowship hall after a rainstorm and the dampness in the youth room. Also, underground sprinklers will be set to run manually this year instead of automatically. A possible spot in the courtyard has been identified for permanently installing the cornerstone from St. John's Lutheran Church.

## Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Highlights June 22, 2025

- Pastor Wilbur has requested, and the Council has approved, some sabbatical time at Koinonia Farm in Georgia this fall.
- Wednesday night worship services have been going well, although attendance is smaller than hoped for.
- For January 1 through May 31, Trinity's total income is \$129,966.21 and the total expenses are \$154,710.98.
- The Foundation will provide \$40,000.00 to Trinity's budget in 2025.
- A handout on stewardship was distributed. It is always appropriate to look at our individual stewardship; how are we using what God has entrusted to us.
- Doug Krull was introduced as new Properties Committee Chair.
- Members of the Missions Committee are traveling to Two Strike once a month this summer for a community BBQ. Members of the congregation are invited to attend.
- Two native plant botanists have been hired to maintain the Eco Prayer Park this summer through September. The park has contracted for 10 hours per week at a cost of \$1,200.00 per month.
- At the request of the Rapid City Police Department, a meeting was held at Trinity in early June to discuss problems with the



homeless population loitering, littering, and sleeping on church property and in the Eco Prayer Park. The police department asked Trinity to consider that by feeding individuals five days a week, the church is actually enabling them to use their limited resources to purchase alcohol and drugs. The police have requested a two week pause in feeding the homeless, to include a two week closure of the Eco Prayer Park. Police hope a two week pause would be a time for behavior to change and perhaps the trouble makers would find a new spot to hang out.

- Attendees at the meeting broke into small groups to discuss the issue of feeding the homeless and a possible two week pause. Good discussions took place. Afterward, several opinions were voiced in the open meeting.
- Members of the congregation voted to suspend the feeding program at Trinity for a two-week period. It was determined that an announcement should be posted to give individuals participating in the feeding program a one-week advance notice prior to the suspension of feeding.
- This is the 100-year anniversary of a "physical building" for Trinity's congregation. St. John's Lutheran Church, which changed its name to Trinity Lutheran Church in 1942, was built and the cornerstone laid in 1925. The cornerstone for St. John's is currently on display in the breezeway. A possible spot for permanently installing the cornerstone has been located in the church courtyard. It is hoped the installation would be part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of a physical building for the congregation.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Good Samaritan resources have been used as follows for the month of June 2025:**

- 1,128 people fed a cold, single serving meal  
**(687 men, 372 women, and 69 children)**

**Distributed the following clothing/supplies:**

- 233 pairs of socks
- 23 pairs of gloves
- 3 hats
- 1 belt
- 68 shirts
- 5 pairs of shoes/boots
- 56 undergarments
- 39 pairs of pants/shorts
- 6 devotional readings
- 1 book
- 1 magazine
- 29 various hygiene items
- 3 jackets/sweatshirts
- 1 backpack
- 28 greeting cards
- 2 first aid supplies/kits
- 1 packs of diapers
- 22 Women with Feminine Hygiene
- 4 gas vouchers were given out totaling \$60.00
- 1 small food box
- \$50.00 towards 1 bus ticket
- \$50.00 towards car parts/fees





## STEWARDSHIP

The dollars part of stewardship, is often the elephant in the room that no one likes to talk about. Giving at Trinity has been a low key affair for quite some time. The Council has not had a stewardship representative for a few years. Our giving has allowed the congregation to maintain an adequate budget for many years. However, our giving is no longer adequate to meet our budget needs.

Shortfalls have been made up with money from Trinity's Foundation: \$32,000 in 2024 and \$40,000 in 2025. While increased, we have also seen funds given to Trinity's operation in other ways. One or two end of year donors often cover any shortfalls. And vital support has increased. And yet we should not depend on a few large donations without looking at what each of us may be able to do.

Considering our giving is not meeting budget needs, it is helpful to look at where our giving comes from. The following chart shows the distribution of our congregational giving of all members that the church has records of for 2024.

2024 Giving

Amount Given	Number of Givers
\$0-1000	100
\$1001-2000	22
\$2001-3000	8
\$3001-4000	10
\$4001-5000	3
\$5001-6000	8
\$6001-7000	4
\$7001-8000	3
\$8001-9000	5
\$9001-10,000	4
\$10,000+	5

It is always appropriate to look at our individual stewardship, how I am using what God has entrusted to me. With lots of costs increasing for individuals it may not be at the top of our to do list. And stewardship is not just about money. Yet God says all things belong to him and he gives us what we need. Loving God and loving Trinity and all who are ministered to, please consider how you might be able to help.

2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each one of us must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

1 Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's grace."

"All Christians are but  
God's stewards.

*Everything* we  
have is on loan from  
the Lord, *entrusted*  
to us for a  
while to use in  
*serving* Him."

- John MacArthur



## Council Receives Thank You For Scholarship

Several years ago, Margaret Peterson left Trinity Lutheran money specifically designated for helping the poor and for education scholarships. Over the years, the Council has awarded Margaret Peterson dollars to several seminary students to help pay for their books and travel expenses. One of those students recently sent a thank you to Trinity. It is printed below.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I am truly honored to be a recipient of Trinity's annual education scholarship fund for 2025. Your generosity has profoundly impacted my seminary education, and I am sincerely grateful. Below, you will find a brief biography outlining my journey toward ordination. Thank you once again.

Raised by my remarkable mother, my siblings and I were immersed in the life of our church from a young age. My involvement in the youth group soon led me to a leadership role in small group Bible studies, where I began to feel a stirring in my heart—a clear indication of God's calling on my life.

Although I recognized that God was calling me to Christian service, I initially resisted, had doubts, made excuses, and considered taking a different path. Nonetheless, I have always found peace and fulfillment in serving the church. A life-threatening event helped sharpen my commitment to actively participate in God's mission. During this challenging time, I made a prayerful commitment to God, asking for His help and vowing to dedicate my life to spreading the gospel. God rescued me, and since that moment, I have been able to boldly testify to His goodness. My passion for serving and leading God's people has grown each day. My pastor, friends, and family recognized God's call on my life and encouraged me to pursue full-time ministry.

With unwavering support from my loved ones, mentors, and pastor, I took the courageous step of enrolling in seminary. I am now a senior in the Master of Divinity program at Luther Seminary, currently engaged in a year of pastoral internship. I live in Sioux Falls, SD, with my husband, who is also an ELCA pastor. We are blessed with three wonderful adult children who proudly call South Dakota their home. I believe that as we pursue our collective mission, the grace of God and the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us.

Blessings,

Hannah Reeves-Fleming





# YOUTH ministry

- Youth will meet on August 6, 2025. We will meet at the Salamun's house at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be provided.

**Here is a look at the fun we had in June!**









## God Moments and Blessing Box submissions

We are reminded often to send in our God moments to share. I guess I always considered a God moment as something awesome and I have had some amazing God moments. However, lately, I really didn't think I had realized anything I considered awesome but today traveling in my car I knew God was there with me. I came to a slow down waiting for a light to change. I was coming down the hill on the corner of E North St. and Campbell by the Old K-mart with a perfect view of the Black Hills and knew instantly God was reminding me of His creation—the beauty and the magnificence of it all and I thanked him.

I then thought of all the God moments I encounter each day. The friends and family get-togethers, a phone call from a high school friend I hadn't see in over 40 years, the happiness of a friend who reached out to God and finally felt healing after not feeling well for a long time, the joy of a new baby in the family, the feeling of singing hymns in the church pews and in the choir. The list is unending.

I realized again that God fills everyday all day with moments that he blesses me with his presence.

Truly Awesome.

Lovingly submitted,  
Jo Tracy

Russ and I had a wonderful time celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Barbados. We had many God moments throughout our trip. The best one was our second to last day. We found a wonderful cab driver Fabian. He took us farthest west on the island so we could explore the beaches in that area. When we arrived his card reader wasn't working, he said no problem you call me when you are done, I'll come get you and we'll settle up. We took a picture of his card with Russ's phone and off we went. I should mention at this point our second day in Barbados my phone drowned, it was in a water proof pack that didn't work. We had a wonderful time walking the beach, we got to a point where there was a concrete wall next to the side of the beach but we could walk next to it, the waves were not that high. At about half way 2 waves hit over our heads. My first thought was it would be easier to swim this, my second thought was, Russ's phone is in his back pack, now it has drowned. We took the phone out and it was dead. We walked to the road thinking maybe Fabian would find us, he did not. We walked in the rain, we were already wet and isn't cold so that was ok. We finally found a bus that was going into town and then another that would go close to our hotel. We made it back but feeling so bad about not paying Fabian and not sure how we would find him. Originally I found him while I was out for a morning run so I thought maybe I would find him like that again. There are many drivers out waiting to give someone a ride so I thought maybe someone will know him. The first driver I asked right outside our room answered, "no, I don't know him, but the Father will help you find him". We had been praying we would find him. I asked a couple of other drivers, no one knew him by name. At the end of the



road I was running on there stood Fabian, smiling, laughing and saying "I bet something happened to Russ's phone". I was able to pay him then and the next day he took us to the airport. God took care of us all of us, we are thankful for a caring, loving Savior.

-Dalaina Salamun

Last week we had the privilege of watching a doe give birth to one of two fawns. God's incredible creation story at work before our eyes. The doe worked diligently to clean her newborns with the promise of nourishment soon to come for her new family. The afternoon of tenderness was a reminder of the attention and care God extends to everyone daily that can so easily be missed. Thanks be to God for His creation story which continues to unfold.

-Melanie Paulson







## Park closure allows for special projects

In response to a suggestion from the Rapid City Police Department, Trinity Eco Prayer Park was closed from July 1-14. The request came as the result of police observing an increase in loitering in the Park and on the church property. The thinking was that with the Park closed, people would find some place else to go and perhaps not as many would return when the Park re-opened.

Closing the Park was a challenge. However, the RCPD requested barricades from the Street Department to block off the five sidewalks into the Park. The bushes along Hardee's and the wetlands channel, which forms a moat of sorts, created natural barriers on three sides of the Park. Barricade tape strewn across the front of the Park announced that the Park was "Temporarily Closed." Very few people attempted to enter the Park during the closure.

Having nobody in the Park allowed for some projects to take place that would have been difficult with visitors present. The shelter, which was built in 2014, received a new coat of stain. Grassroots Conservation was able to reseed some areas and plant some new species in the Park. The lack of foot traffic created a window of time for plants to get established before people returned to the Park.



Rapid City Streets Department provided barricades to block off sidewalks into the Park.



Barricade tape across the front of the Park announced the closing



Painters from A&K Coatings took advantage of the Park closure to apply a coat of stain to the Park shelter as viewed from one of the Park's security cameras.



The absence of Park visitors created a window of time for new plantings to get established before people returned.



## Hiring native plant specialists - a “miracle” of sorts

At the Park Vision Board meeting in June, Park Vision Board member Erica Haugtvedt signed an agreement with Grassroots Conservation to handle the Park grounds keeping duties through September 30. This includes general maintenance such as weeding, pruning, thinning of plants, as well as removal of litter and debris from the Park.

But thanks to the native plant expertise of Grassroots Conservation owners Ben Shreves and Anthony Checchi (see related article), the duo will also work to monitor and increase the Park’s native plant diversity. Additionally, the team will provide leadership for Park volunteers and tour groups, assist with educational signage and explore possibilities for educational and music events to be held in the Park. They will provide all these services for \$1,200 per month.

“Ben and Anthony are literally the answer to many, many prayers I’ve prayed over the last several years for God to bring us someone with the skills, passion and grasp of the Park’s unique mission to help manage the Park and plan for its future,” said Park Director Ken Steinken. “It seemed a nearly impossible ask to find someone who would be a good, let alone perfect, match.

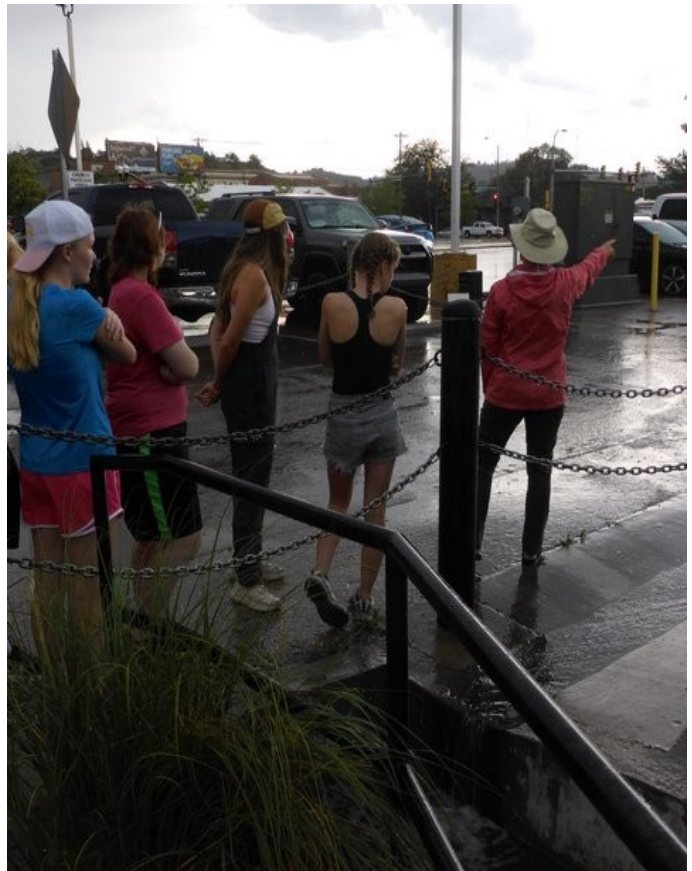
“But God answered in a big way, sending us not just one, but two people with the experience and enthusiasm to see the Park succeed and excel. It’s a perfect example of Ephesians 3:20 that says God can do ‘immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.’”

And to make it even more amazing the job wasn’t even advertised. The connection came about as the result of a conversation Ken had with somebody about wanting to find someone to do an inventory of the Park plant species. (See article in February 2025 Trinity News.) That person told his son about it and his son did the inventory before he ever met Ken. The son’s name was Ben Shreves.

Eventually Ken and Ben met. After several conversations, the idea came up that the Park could be the newly-formed Grassroots Conservation’s first client.



Ben Shreves (right) and Anthony Checchi (third from right) lead a team of volunteers.



During a brief cloudburst Park team leader Lisa Westlake explains to Youthworks volunteers from Denver where stormwater flowing from the gutter (lower right corner) into the Park comes from.



### Meet Grassroots Conservation founders - Ben and Anthony



Ben Shreves

**Ben Shreves** is a South Dakota native raised in the Black Hills for the majority of his life. His love for the natural world developed at a young age and he has been striving to provide education and conserve the state's beautiful landscapes ever since. Ben attended South Dakota State and Black Hills State for his undergrad and Masters respectively. He has held positions in fire ecology and as an interpretive ranger at Wind Cave National Park. He has also held multiple teaching positions, teaching botany at Oglala Lakota College and general biology at Black Hills State.

Most recently Ben has filled roles in habitat restoration with SDSU and the National Park Service, spending multiple years creating and implementing seed collection strategies throughout the Northern Great Plains. Ben's drive and passion for habitat conservation has led him to start Grassroots Conservation, a small outfit that aims to provide native plant expertise and restoration knowledge to folks in and around the Black Hills to help make for a more sustainable landscape in our cities and towns.

### Meet Grassroots Conservation founders - Ben and Anthony



Anthony Checchi

**Anthony Checchi** is a transplant to South Dakota arriving in the state almost 15 years ago to attend college at Black Hills State. He was raised in the front range of the Rocky Mountains, spending time as a child in Colorado and Wyoming where he developed a love for the wide-open spaces and all the things that inhabited them. After graduating high school Anthony pursued a technical program at Laramie County Community College to become a firefighter. After receiving certification from LCCC, Anthony then pursued a degree in biology that brought him to South Dakota and Black Hills State University where he worked on his undergraduate and master's degrees.

Anthony's professional career includes a position teaching general biology at Black Hills State, and positions with the Bureau of Land Management in rangeland management, researcher with National Parks, and most recently as a habitat restoration specialist with Pheasants Forever. Anthony possesses a deep passion for sustainability. Because of this he joined Ben to form Grassroots Conservation, hoping to impact his local community and bring sustainable practices to the urban interfaces of the Black Hills.



# Puzzle 12: Back-To-School Word Search

S	E	H	S	I	L	G	N	E	C	U	R	R	I	C	U	L	U	M	A
E	S	I	H	K	C	B	S	D	Q	T	X	E	X	A	M	S	H	M	Z
D	P	E	S	I	C	K	N	M	R	J	O	R	C	L	Q	I	L	C	K
A	D	L	C	H	S	A	E	A	T	E	U	C	H	C	R	U	L	E	R
R	E	W	A	E	M	T	P	P	E	X	O	S	O	U	N	O	I	L	Y
G	O	J	D	Y	R	U	O	K	Y	T	J	E	R	L	P	T	C	Z	J
H	T	O	M	R	G	T	E	R	C	R	U	T	I	A	T	H	N	O	M
E	N	M	I	T	L	R	U	E	Y	A	T	A	T	T	H	Z	E	W	A
R	E	A	S	E	B	U	O	R	I	C	B	M	I	O	D	O	P	C	Y
A	M	W	S	M	B	Y	Q	U	D	R	I	S	A	R	Y	F	D	F	S
F	N	E	I	O	P	T	L	E	N	E	O	S	K	M	H	R	E	P	T
R	G	F	O	N	L	O	C	B	B	D	L	A	S	H	P	A	R	I	N
T	I	K	N	O	E	N	A	R	Z	I	O	L	E	P	A	H	O	D	E
E	S	A	S	G	E	O	C	E	F	T	G	C	G	O	R	A	L	O	D
A	S	J	T	I	W	B	O	T	E	H	Y	I	E	N	G	T	O	H	U
C	A	H	C	R	O	L	E	S	N	U	O	C	L	O	O	H	C	S	T
H	B	S	H	T	H	B	S	M	E	Q	L	O	L	B	E	S	H	A	S
E	C	I	T	H	C	A	L	C	U	L	U	S	O	A	G	T	S	L	O
R	X	M	A	O	Y	Z	K	O	W	E	P	A	C	E	F	A	I	E	P
E	G	Y	M	C	L	A	S	S	A	K	O	O	B	T	X	E	T	R	L

ADMISSIONS  
ART  
ASSIGNMENT  
BACKPACK  
BIOLOGY  
BOOKS  
CALCULATOR  
CALCULUS  
CLASSMATES  
COLLEGE  
COLORED PENCIL  
CURRICULUM

DESK  
ENGLISH  
ESSAY  
EXAMS  
EXTRA CREDIT  
GEOGRAPHY  
GRADES  
GYM CLASS  
HISTORY  
LESSON  
MATH  
PENS

PLAYGROUND  
QUIZ  
RECESS  
RULER  
SCHOOL COUNSELOR  
SCIENCE  
STUDENTS  
TEACHER  
TEXTBOOK  
TRIGONOMETRY

**SOLUTION ON PAGE 18**

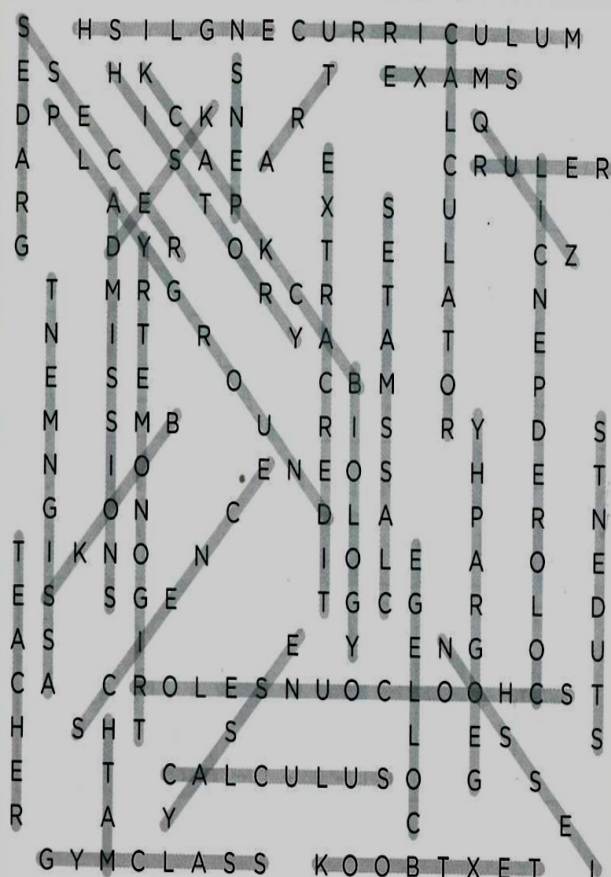




## Things happening in missions

- Mission committee will meet on **July 21** at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to be involved with the mission committee please contact Michelle Mechaley.
- **Lakota BBQ** will be **July 26**. We leave Rapid City by 8:00 our time that should put you in Rosebud by noon Central time. Contact anyone on the mission's committee and they can give you more information.

### Puzzle 12: Back-To-School Word Search



Please help us lift our Tijuana Missions Team in prayer as they prepare and embark on another house build trip to Tijuana this August.

## Short Prayer For A Mission Trip

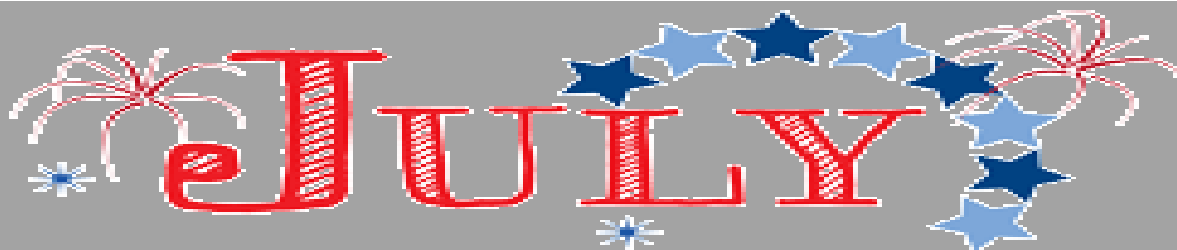
God, I thank You that You have allowed us to be part of Your plan to save and rescue people. What a privilege that is. I understand that it is you alone who will change the hearts of people so I ask that you go before this trip and soften the hearts of the individuals that will be hearing the Good News. I pray that you will keep everyone safe, but more than that I pray that you keep everyone within your will. Allow hearts to change and lives to grow for your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT/Month Ending JUNE, 2025

	Jun 25	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
Income		
Contributions and Offering	35,829.40	31,807.00
Interest & Dividend Income	1,095.50	
Other Income	85.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>37,009.90</u>	<u>31,807.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	37,009.90	31,807.00
Expense		
10 Staff Expense	20,659.90	23,096.25
11 Operations Expense	1,775.17	1,662.51
12 Properties Expense	4,835.31	6,508.32
13 Missions Expense	0.00	3,725.00
14 Evangelism Expense	0.00	25.00
15 Parish Education Expense	0.00	62.51
16 Youth Expenses	48.37	162.50
17 Music and Worship Expense	84.96	162.50
18 Fellowship Expense	0.00	4.17
19 Stewardship Expense	56.80	33.33
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>27,460.51</u>	<u>35,442.09</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>9,549.39</u>	<u>-3,635.09</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>9,549.39</u></u>	<u><u>-3,635.09</u></u>





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 12:00 Brown Bag Lunch  5:30 Open Door Service 6:00 Youth @ Salamuns	3  10:30 Staff Meeting	4  <b>Closed</b>	5
6 <u>Shopping Cart Sunday!</u>  8:30 Worship & Communion 9:35 Coffee & Conversation  7:00 NA Group	7  <b>Closed</b>	8	9  12:00 Brown Bag Lunch 1:30 Finance Meeting 4:00—8:00—Pancheros Fundraiser 5:30 Open Door Service with Communion	10  9:00 TLCW 10:30 Staff Meeting	11  10:00—Pianos being tuned	12
13  8:30 Worship 9:35 Coffee & Conversation  7:00 NA Group	14  9:00 Youth Meeting	15   6:30 Church Council	16  12:00 Brown Bag Lunch  5:30 Open Door Service	17  9:00 TLCW 10:30 Staff Meeting	18   5:00—7:00—Rummage Sale-\$3.00 early bird	19  8:00—1:00 Rummage Sale 12:00—8:00 Hills Alive
20  8:30 Worship & Communion 9:35 Coffee & Conversation 12:00—8:00 Hills Alive  7:00 NA Group	21  11:00 Missions Meeting	22	23  12:00 Brown Bag Lunch  5:30 Open Door Service	24  10:30 Staff Meeting	25	26  12 pm—Two Strike BBQ
27  8:30 Worship music by Tim, Lori, Greg, Sam, and Shelley 9:35 Coffee & Conversation  7:00 NA Group	28	29	30  12:00 Brown Bag Lunch  5:30 Open Door Service	31  10:30 Staff Meeting		





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00—11:00 POOL PARTY @ Horace Mann
<b>3</b> <u>Shopping Cart Sunday!</u> 8:30 Worship & Communion 9:35 Coffee & Conversation  7:00 NA Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  12:00 Brown Bag Lunch  5:30 Open Door Service 6:00 Youth at Salamun's	<b>7</b>  10:30 Staff Meeting  1:30 Finance Meeting	<b>8</b>  Synod Council Retreat	<b>9</b>  Tijuana Team Leaves!!!!
<b>10</b> 8:30 Worship 9:35 Coffee & Conversation  7:00 NA Group	<b>11</b> 9:00 Youth Meeting 11:00 Missions Meeting	<b>12</b>  6:30 Church Council	<b>13</b>  12:00 Brown Bag Lunch  5:30 Open Door Service with Communion	<b>14</b>  9:00 TLCW 10:30 Staff Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Tijuana Team Back!!! 8:30 Worship & Communion 9:35 Coffee & Conversation  7:00 NA Group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  12:00 Brown Bag Lunch  5:30 Open Door Service	<b>21</b>  9:00 TLCW 10:30 Staff Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30 Worship 9:35 Coffee & Conversation  7:00 NA Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  12:00 Brown Bag Lunch  5:30 Open Door Service	<b>28</b>  10:30 Staff Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  12 pm—Two Strike BBQ
<b>31</b> 8:30 Worship 9:35 Coffee & Conversation  7:00 NA Group						



# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY, 2025

GREETERS

USHERS

LECTOR

COUNTERS

COMMUNION

ALTAR  
GUILD

July 6 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Wendy Hanken Paul Fauss	Barry Elder Cindy Elder	Shelley Ahrlin	Gina DelaBarre Glenn DelaBarre  8:30 Sound Board: Jared Regelin	Bob Rose Sharon Rose Jan Kappelman David Doyle Lisa Doyle Lori Atkins  Blessing: Alice Bentley	Marilyn Denison Michele Wise Marie Sailer  8:30 Food Certificates: Don Hackett
July 13 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Jan Kappelman Dennis Anderson	Greg Whitcher Nancy Whitcher	Erica Haugtveldt	Victoria Karnes Paul Fauss  8:30 Sound Board: Tim Pavak		Bonnie Warejcka Stacey Schmaltz Karen Comeau  8:30 Food Certificates: Faye Schroeder
July 20 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Jo Tracy Bonnie Warejcka	Paul Fauss Victoria Karnes	Karen Bulman	Jo Ann Holcomb Barry Elder  8:30 Sound Board: John Goff	Barry Elder Paul Elder Peyton Elder Dave Ohlen Doug Krull Kahlil Taylor  Blessing: Jim Schuh	Bonnie Warejcka Stacey Schmaltz Karen Comeau  8:30 Food Certificates: Noreen Scholl
July 27 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Tami Krull Doug Krull	Dave Ohlen Sandi Ohlen	Barry Elder	Brenda Cross Stacey Schmaltz  8:30 Sound Board: Jared Regelin		Jo Ann Holcomb Arietta Shuch, Charlotte Wilsey, Victoria Karnes  8:30 Food Certificates: Jean Bouska



# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST, 2025

GREETERS

USHERS

LECTOR

COUNTERS

COMMUNION

ALTAR  
GUILD

August 3 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Karen Comeau	George Powers Jim Powers	Nate Anderson	Paul Fauss Victoria Karnes  8:30 Sound Board: Tim Pavék	Paul Elder Kristi Elder Taylor Elder Peyton Elder Jeanne Jacobson Arlyce Naeve  Blessing: Jan Kappelman	Jo Ann Holcomb Arletta Shuch, Charlotte Wilsey, Victoria Karnes  8:30 Food Certificates: Don Hackett
August 10 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Barry Elder Cindy Elder	Dean Schmaltz Philip Rogers	Sandi Ohlen	Barry Elder JoAnn Holcomb  8:30 Sound Board: John Goff		Candace Burns Tami Krull Judy Mattson  8:30 Food Certificates: Faye Schroeder
August 17 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Paul Elder Kristi Elder	Robert Akerson Vic Tisher	David Doyle	Gina DelaBarre Glenn DelaBarre  8:30 Sound Board: Jared Regelin	Kristie Taylor Melanie Paulson Julie Jensen Bonnie Warejcka Barb Powers Penny Steinken  Blessing: Michelle Mechaley	Candace Burns Tami Krull Judy Mattson  8:30 Food Certificates: Noreen Scholl
August 24 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Karl Jegeris Jill Jegeris	Wendy Hanken Doug Jensen	Kristie Taylor	Brenda Cross Stacey Schmaltz  8:30 Sound Board: Tim Pavék		Marilyn Denison Michele Wise Marie Sailer  8:30 Food Certificates: Jean Bouska
August 31 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Jan Kappelman Dennis Anderson	Doug Krull Tami Krull	Ken Steinken	Ken Fauss Jo Tracy  8:30 Sound Board: John Goff		Marilyn Denison Michele Wise Marie Sailer  8:30 Food Certificates: Stacey Schmaltz



Trinity Lutheran Church  
402 Kansas City Street  
Rapid City SD 57701

NON PROFIT  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PERMIT #618  
RAPID CITY SD



July 6 and August 3 —Shopping Cart Sunday  
July 2,9,16,23,30— Open Door Services  
August 6,13,20,27 — Open Door Services  
July 2,9,16,23,30— Brown Bag Lunch  
August 6,13,20,27 — Brown Bag Lunch  
July 10, 17 — TLCW Bible Study  
August 14, 21 — TLCW Bible Study  
July 2 and August 6—Youth at Salamun's  
July 18—Rummage Sale Early Bird, 5pm—7pm,  
\$3.00 entrance fee  
July 19—Rummage Sale 8am—1pm  
July 26 —Lakota BBQ  
August 2—Pool Party at Horace Mann, 9:30 am—11:30 am

<b>Trinity Lutheran Church Staff:</b>		<b>Trinity's Mission Statement</b>	
Senior Pastor	Wilbur Holz	<b>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.</b>	
Parish Associate	Penny Steinken		
Youth Ministry	Russ Salamun		
	Dalaina Salamun		
Staff Associate-Finances	Dalaina Salamun		
Office Manager	Kayla Richters		
Office Administrative	Cindy Gruba		
Custodian	Russ Salamun		
Organists	Wayne Richards		
	Justin Stephens		
Choir Director	Justin Stephens		
Eco Prayer Park Coordinator	Ken Steinken		
Trinity News Editor	Kayla Richters		
Hon. Rosebud Missionary	Dorothy Peterson		
Office Volunteer	Alice Bentley		