

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Trumpet

AUGUST 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5: VBS

August 6: VBS

August 7: VBS

August 8: Family Pool Party

August 17: Fellowship Meal

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Join us August 5th-7th @ 5:30 p.m. for a journey through the jungle. With a closing family pool party on August 8th at Club West Pool, from 6-8. Registration is now open so enroll your children online using the qr code



And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. —Romans 5:3-5

How many of you remember hope chests? Traditionally, a hope chest contained linens and clothing for a woman's wedding day. In many ways, you could say It was a chest filled with the hope for the future.

Hope chests have changed a bit over time. Now, if someone has a hope chest, they tend to be filled with items from their past. Some memories contained in there are joyous, while others are painful and filled with sorrow. Some are hopes fulfilled, some are hopes dashed and some are hopes not yet realized. However, all those memories help to make them who they are today. Those memories, both good and bad, become a part of their very being.

As time goes by, many of our hopes are fulfilled. However, life never goes exactly as planned. Some hopes are dashed by bad choices we, or others, have made and some by unfortunate circumstances. Right now, Diana and I are finding ourselves in the middle of that last one. What the future holds for us is a bit fuzzy right now; but no matter what happens, we have been blessed with the love and support of all of you.

In so many ways, you have filled us with the abundant hope that God is good! And we need to hold onto this especially when life hits us with those unexpected challenges. And now, we want you to do the same for each other because our hearts are like hope chests that long for the day when we are joined for eternity with our God. Along the way, our chest may accumulate additional items that we collect on our life's journey. If we're gracious and generous along the way, our chest will fill with fruit to abundance. If we live more with a focus on ourselves, we will find our hope chests nearly barren and if that the case, we will, in fact, lose hope.

As I said before, we don't know what's going to happen other than it's going to be pretty busy, if not downright chaotic at times. But as we make our ways through the coming days, weeks and months, we will open the hope chests of our hearts to God and pray for his merciful will in how He chooses to fill them. And that's something else we need to keep in mind; God will fill our hearts, but in His way and in His time. Not necessarily with something we want, but with that which we need.

As we live the lives of faithful stewards of all of God's blessings, we pray that the hope chest of your heart will be overflowing with love that you have freely given and that has come back to you tenfold. And we pray that your generosity provides hope for the hopeless, and that through the Holy Spirit, your hope always remains strong.

Pastor Jay *Diana*

From the Council

Council met on July 8th. Ruth reported that TLF will be hosting the Sunday meal on July 20. Operations report was given by Randy Wetzel. There are plans to replace 6 trees on the church grounds, some which were lost in the storms and some that are older and need to be replaced. Terry Stueder has graciously donated 6 trees for the beautification of the church grounds, council would like to thank him for his generosity. Randy also reported that the main HVAC system is not working and estimated the cost is around \$12,000. The plans for the circle drive will be modified as the original cost was almost \$16,000. Finally, security cameras were installed for the main office & TLC. Kristy Jerke reported that the volunteers for VBS will meet July 15th. There will be a family pool party on August 8th for all members to attend.

Robert Lanterman reported that there were no concerns with the treasurer's report. Pastor Jay will be out of the office from July 13-27.

A very good discussion was generated concerning the funeral luncheons. One of the main problems is the difficulty of finding volunteers. There is a core group of Trinity women who administer this function but more help is readily needed. The friends and relatives of the deceased very much appreciate this service.

Finally, we continue to ask the congregation to keep Pastor Jay, Diana, & their family in your prayers.

Council Highlights

President – Len Fleske
 Vice-President –
 Secretary – Christi Penka
 Worship – Krista Smith
 Education – Kristy Jerke
 Ministry – Ruth Lanterman
 Operations – Randy Wetzel

- The funeral team could use some additional volunteers to ensure that we always have enough when needed.
- Krista Smith has agreed to fill the Worship Committee position on the Council, thank you Krista! The Vice-President position is still open. Don't hesitate to contact any Council Member with questions. We have fun on the Council!
- Building and Grounds have been working on a plan to replace some of the trees lost to age and storms. Terry and Mel Eesa have generously donated six trees. Thank you to the Stueders!

Worship Board

My name is Krista Smith and I have been considering volunteering to serve as chairman of the worship board. After much prayer, I felt that I could be of service to Trinity so at the July Board meeting, I volunteered and I will appreciate your support as this board becomes more involved in the worship experience at Trinity! I am excited to think of all the programs we have in place already. There is always a need for volunteers! The responsibility of the Worship board is great and we already have many volunteers in place, but as I look at the list, many teams are one person teams, that's really not a team! I will be setting up a meeting for the worship board in August to further outline our goals. The one new responsibility the board will be taking on is hosting church receptions (new confirmands, graduation, Pastor appreciation etc) If this is of interest please feel free to contact me, Krista Smith 620.786.5959

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report June 30, 2025

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2025</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	27,167.53	145,849.38	144,553.80	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	28.00	2,162.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	169.75	1,172.98	1,015.19	
Total Receipts	<u>27,365.28</u>	<u>149,184.36</u>	<u>147,391.99</u>	
Expenditures through 06/30/2025	<u>20,607.72</u>	<u>146,055.63</u>	<u>138,067.54</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>6,757.56</u>	<u>3,128.73</u>	<u>9,324.45</u>	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Increase/ (Decrease)
Average per Sunday		2025	2024	from 2024
(26 Sundays in 2025)		<u>5,609.59</u>	<u>5,559.76</u>	<u>49.83</u>
(26 Sundays in 2024)				
Total Unified Budget Receipts		145,849.38	144,553.80	<u>1,295.58</u>
Budget Requirements		169,602.50	172,997.50	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(23,753.12)</u>	<u>(28,443.70)</u>	

Trinity Ladies Fellowship

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Trinity Ladies Fellowship hosted the congregational lunch held after Worship on July 20th. We served 48 people. It was a picnic lunch with several platters of various sandwiches, vegetable and fruit trays, a variety of cookies and a pie.

Heartland District Women of the Word convention will be held in Hastings, Nebraska on September 27th at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We will be getting more information soon and hope to have several women attend. Monthly Circle meetings will resume in September.

If anyone is interested in learning more about Trinity Ladies Fellowship, please call Cindy Smith - 620-617-9262 or Ruth Lanterman - 620-786-9701. We would love to have you join us.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
Luke 1:45

Trinity Ladies will be collecting school items for backpacks starting the weekend of July 20th. Please pick up a bag, which will include a list of items to purchase, fill the bag and bring it back to church. These will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. In 2024, 9,494 school bags were delivered to Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee. Many of our LWR items are distributed in the U.S. Trinity Ladies Fellowship is very thankful for all the donations you provide.

LIST OF ITEMS FOR EACH SCHOOL KIT:

One ruler	One pencil sharpener	One pair of blunt scissors
Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)		Five unsharpened pencils
One box of 16 or 24 crayons	One 2 ½" eraser	

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Aug. 12 9:00 a.m.	Tuesday Aug. 26 9:00 a.m.	Thursday Aug. 28 9:00 a.m.
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Upcoming Dates:

TLF Council: Tuesday September 9, 2:00 p.m. – Library

Rebecca Circle: Monday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. – Library

Friendship Circle: Wednesday, September 18, 9:30 a.m. - Library

September 27 Women of the Word Convention, St. Paul's Church, Hastings, NE

October 11-12 Blessing of Quilts & Kits

Missions



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see more
about missions

Friendship Meals met on June 24th to prepare more meals to be delivered to anyone in the community needing a hot meal. We invite all members of Trintiy to join in this mission and deliver a meal to anyone who has been sick, had surgery, has a new born baby, lives alone, or maybe just needs a meal from a friend. If you have questions or would like to help with this mission in anyway contact Krista Smith.

On July 30th the Mission team and other Trinity Members helped to provide a meal for the BCCC Athletes. We served soft tacos, corn, and chips. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve the meal. This is such a blessing to these athletes to have a hot meal each evening when they arrive.

Backpack for the Community

250 Backpacks were ordered by Trintiy Lutherans Mission team, other supplies will be collected and donated by other area churches, including Community Christian, Father's House and Live like Jesus Today Ministries, Faith Community and possibly a few others. These will all be passed out on August 9th at the Annual Party in the Park.

**GO THEREFORE AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME
OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

MATTHEW 28:19

Aug. 5th: VBS

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Aug. 8th Pool Party

Children & Youth News

Family Pool Party

We invite all members of Trinity, young and old, to a Family Pool Party at Club West pool on August 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

This is the Family Fun Night for July, we will serve hot dogs and chips and ask anyone who would to bring a side to please feel free to do that.

Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it. Proverbs 22.6

Mark your calendars, KICKS will begin on September 10th. Please keep an eye out for confirmation parent meeting.



TLC Discoveries

Outside Play

Water & Pool Play

Prayers

Good Things

Church Sprinkler Fun

Art Fun

Prayer Page for August 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Deon Lupton

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Nancy Soeken, Hutchinson

Wilma Steadman, La Crosse

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Betty Barnard, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

Marty Kruckenburg-Meade

MISSION PARTNERS

Barton Co. Association of Churches

Core Community-Journey to Resolve
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Oaks Indian Mission, Oaks, OK

Barton Co. Emergency Aid

Awakening Lives to World Missions

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

Star of Hope

Live Like Jesus Today

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson, Ted Bird

Delores Schneidewind, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland, Kasey Kennedy

Marlene & Mak Brack, Patti Klima, Kathy Delimont, Gerald Postlethwaite,

Dottie Anderson, Ruth Steitz, Debbie Marshall, Bev Jurgenson & Geneva Steinert,

WE PRAY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN OUR MILITARY:

Kelly Vogel, Army (grandson of Deloris Schneidewind)

Lane Wilson, Marine (grandson/Judy Messersmith)

Austin Anschutz, Army Aviation (grandson/Merle & Liz Klima)

Adam Watkins, Joshua Helm, Army, (grandson/great grandson/Wilma Steadman)

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS NEEDING HEALING:

Pat Dirks (*mother/Darla Clarke*)

Danine Smith (*sister/Darla Clarke*)

Vickie Owston (*daughter/Joyce Nagel*)

Nick Okeson (*friend/Anne Linenberger*)

Connie Petersen (*cousin/ Bev Juergensen*)

Roberta Holden (*Judy Messersmith*)

Cyrus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed
Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (*family/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Janet Meyers, Misty Claussen Train
(*friends/ Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Dennis Peter (*Cousin Sheryl Corn*)

John M. Maneth (*Brother-in-law/Carla
Maneth*)

Howard King (*Brother-in-law/Carla
Maneth*)

Rob Smith, Lynn Smith (*BiL/sister/Kathy
Delimont*)

Darwin Folkerts, Donita & Don O'Hearn
(*Deanna Swank*)

Denise Wilson (*Sister, Deanna Swank*)

Erika Kohart (*friend/Vicki Boxberger*)

Mary Ann Leroy (*friend/Vicki Boxberger*)

Pam Merten (*friend/Vicki Boxberger*)

Evette Aguilera (*Friend Ruth Lanterman*)

Daniel Klima & Christine Klima (*Son &
Daughter of Merle & Liz Klima*)

Barbara Wolter (*friend Judi Brack Johnson*)

Cindy Philips (*Judi Brack Johnson*)

Sandra Geschwenter (*Friend of Christi
Penka*)

Kim Feulner (*cousin of Christi Penka*)

Cathy Bell (*friend of Penkas*)

Linda Cannon (*friend of Penka*)

Donita Keil (*Aunt/ Christi Penka*)

Brian Breese, Dianna Allison (*Friend of
Penka's*)

Annabella Davis (*friend/Deloris
Schneidewind*)

Laurie White; Rhonda Feldman (*friends
Marty Schloemer*)

Gunner Jackson (*family friend/Kim
Kummer*)

Chelsea VanVleet (*friend of Kim Kummer*)

Tracy Cox (*friend of Kim Kummer*)

Lee Kuhn (*friend of Kim Kummer*)

John Winter (*friend of Kummers*)

Wally Gregg (*friend of Kummer*)

Jorja Campbell (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Jamie Howard (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Roger Suchy (*Brother/Connie Belt*)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Japie
Mooneyham (*Family of Tom Kirkhart*)

Jim New (*friend of Hofeling*)

Sharon Campbell (*friend Lorrie Ruble*)

Charlene Miller (*Carolyn Humburg*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

Vera Reed (*friend Judy Dunn*)

Ethan Lanterman (*Cousin of Arnette Briel*)

August 2025

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

					1	2 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
3 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	4 5:30 pm TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	5	6 VBS 5:30pm-7:30pm	7	8 6:00 p.m. Family Fun Night @ Club West Pool	9 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
10 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	11	12 9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Council	13	14	15	16 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
17 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Fellowship Meal	18	19	20	21	22	23 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
24 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	25	26 9:00 a.m. Quilting	27	28 9:00 a.m. Quilting	29 Office Closed	30 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
31 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service						

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Volunteer Opportunitites

We have begun the work of getting all of Trinity's documents put on to a digital platform. As of now Michele Brack & Doris Goad having been working on this, we would like to see if there are a few more people who would be willing to help with this project . Please contact Michle for more information.