

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Trumpet

JULY 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 20: 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. Registration is now open so enroll your children online (see Facebook for online link) or pick-up a form in the gathering area at church.

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Corinthians 12:18-19, 27)

Have you ever gone outside on a clear night and just looked at the stars? And I don't mean looking at them in order to identify them, but simply considered their number and took a moment to imagine the vastness of space that holds them?

What about something a little closer; have you ever thought about people and the fact that there are close to 8.2 billion people currently on earth? And if you really want to get your head spinning about, consider that since the beginning of time, there have been over 117 billion people born. To give you a little bit better idea of this to write it out as a full number it would be 117,000,000,000. That's a lot of people! And even if you find yourself able to wrap your head around a number like that consider that each one is, was and will be distinctly different human beings created by our God.

So where do you fit in with all of this? In the midst of all those people, where do you and I fit? If you start looking really close at the sheer enormity of those numbers, you start to feel very small and insignificant and may even begin to wonder, can we really be created to make a difference in the world?

Back in 2004 an animated movie was released by the name of "The Incredibles." It's about a family of super-heroes who have been forced to hide their 'special' abilities. The primary villain in the movie is a frustrated boy who dreamt about being 'super.' But he's grown up and now wants revenge on those unique individuals he thinks denied him his dream. As part of his plan, he's invented a number of things to give him the powers he never had. But the true intent of all this comes as he comments that when he's old and has had his fun, he'll sell his inventions so that everyone can be a superhero. Now that doesn't necessarily sound so bad, but then he finishes by saying, "*Everyone* can be super! And when everyone's super.....*no one* will be."

Don't we all feel like that at times? Not the super-criminal mentality, but the thought that if everyone is special, everyone is unique, then no one is. And if that's how we see ourselves, then just how insignificant do we end up feeling? And once we get there, it's a very short trip to believing the lie that one person in the midst of so many doesn't have the power to make an impact. And I say that this is a lie simply because of all the books, movies and of course very real news stories about individuals who made all the difference in some part of the world. Just imagine what your own life would be like if it hadn't been touched by a few key people who made a difference; who opened your eyes, your heart, your mind and either changed the direction of your life, or even affirmed the path you were on. What would have happened if not for those special, unique people?

God created each and every one of us to be unique and special people. And as a part of that, He gave us unique and special gifts through the Holy Spirit. Those gifts have been a part of us from birth and are an essential element of who we are. And if you're wondering how these gifts are unique when there are SO many people; think about the people you have known in your life. For example, let's look at the gift of teaching. Out of all the teachers you have known, how many of them were *exactly* alike in form, method, technique? The gifts are unique because the people who have been given them are unique.

This is what St. Paul was trying to get the Corinthians to understand in his letter; perhaps some of them thought they were insignificant and unable to change anything. But Paul knew differently, and he wanted them to see the amazing things that can happen when the many gifts of the Spirit are a part of the very special and unique creations that all of you—and the rest of humanity—truly are.

There may be a lot of us—and more are yet to come—but in the light of God's love, the idea of a cartoon villain that if everyone is special, then nobody is, just rings hollow in the presence of the gospel. So, what are you waiting for? God is counting on you to use the gifts that have been given to you. And if you don't, who will? You are, after all, the only one like you in all of creation.

Pastor Jay

From the Council

The church council met Tuesday June 10th. The following points were obtained from the meeting. Vacation Bible School plans are coming together for August and Trinity is possibly joining with Community Christian to partner on VBS. The finale will be at the Club West swimming pool. Kristy Jerke and Rachel Kitch are still seeking volunteers for this event. I am not sure but believe this maybe the first time Trinity has joined with another church to produce Vacation Bible School. Randy Wetzel gave a report from operations. The floor carpet tiles replacement in the educational wing and the bathroom door upgrade will cost around \$25,000. Monies from the Parsonage fund will cover the cost of these upgrades. He also noted that upgrading the playground will be expensive as insurance requires a professionally designed equipment which also has to be installed by professionals. Randy and his fellow volunteers are doing a great job of maintaining our facility. They are also working on getting the handicapped entrance on the west side of the church planned and developed. This primarily has to be coordinated with a concrete construction company. We do not have any estimates for this project to date. A good discussion was noted about replacing the current envelopes with a different type of envelope. Over time the cost has risen substantially. Pastor Jay had suggestions for change which seem very reasonable. I also believe perhaps special envelopes still would be available for Christmas and Easter. Any questions about this can be directed to myself or Pastor Jay.

The financial report was given and was unremarkable.

Finally, I would like to point out that our organists spend a lot of time preparing for our service and we should take the time to thank them. L. T. Fleske

Council Highlights

President – Len Fleske

Vice-President –

Secretary – Christi Penka

Worship –

Education – Kristy Jerke

Ministry – Ruth Lanterman

Operations – Randy Wetzel

- TLF is hosting the Congregational meal on Sunday, July 20th.
- Robert and Ruth Lanterman have volunteered to attend the Heartland District Gathering on July 25-26th.
- Pr. Jay is working on creating new offering envelopes which will save some money. More information to come!

Trinity Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
May 31, 2025

	<u>For the Month</u>	<u>Year-to-date 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-date 2024</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	18,883.72	118,681.85	120,040.04	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	-	2,134.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	180.52	1,003.23	839.24	
Total Receipts	<u>19,064.24</u>	<u>121,819.08</u>	<u>122,702.28</u>	
Expenditures through 05/31/2025	<u>20,126.84</u>	<u>125,447.91</u>	<u>114,528.54</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>(1,062.60)</u>	<u>(3,628.83)</u>	<u>8,173.74</u>	
				Increase/ (Decrease) from 2024
Budget Receipts:		<u>Year-to-date 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-date 2024</u>	
Average per Sunday		<u>5,651.52</u>	<u>5,716.19</u>	<u>(64.68)</u>
(21 Sundays in 2025)				
(21 Sundays in 2024)				
Total Unified Budget Receipts		118,681.85	120,040.04	<u>(1,358.19)</u>
Budget Requirements		<u>141,335.42</u>	<u>144,164.58</u>	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(22,653.57)</u>	<u>(24,124.54)</u>	



Members of Trinity's Ladies Fellowship made Independence Day baskets to deliver to shut-in members of the congregations.

Joint Circle

The Friendship and Rebecca Circle's hosted a joint gathering on Wednesday morning, June 18th to enjoy fun, fellowship and food! Fifteen women attended.

Carolyn Rosenberg provided everything needed to make 4th of July themed flower boxes. We each painted, decorated and added red, white and blue flowers to finish 23 beautifully decorated flower boxes. These were delivered by the ladies to many of our home bound and nursing home residents. We thank Carolyn for sharing her time and talents with us!

Information was given to the ladies about the upcoming congregational meal that TLF will be providing on Sunday July 20th following worship. We thanked Tina Hiss for planning the theme for this meal and ordering all the food. All were encouraged to attend.

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.

A delicious brunch and lots of laughter and fellowship was enjoyed by all!

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 unsharpened pencils	One box of 16 or 24 crayons	One 2 ½" eraser
	Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)	

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday July 8 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday July 22 9:00 a.m.

Thursday July 24 9:00 a.m.



FRIENDSHIP MEAL UPDATE;

The Kitchen Krew met Tuesday, June 24 and prepared 20 meals of Chicken Tetrizzini, cupcakes, frozen vegetables and fruit cups. The meals are ready for anyone to deliver! We feel like these meals can be a blessing to many. We spent about 2 hours sharing the work, including lots of conversation, and stories. The more hands the merrier and we would welcome anyone to help in the kitchen! A Huge Thank You to Susan, Audrey, Vicki, Brenda, Judi and Perry for their hard work. A shout out to the Technology crew of Harlen, Rachel and Pastor Jay who promoted the event and prepared the labels and sign out sheets! Krista Smith, Friendship Meal chair

Questions, please contact Krista Smith

Backpack for the Community

Area Churches have been contacted and all churches will begin collecting supplies through the month of July. Trinity's Mission Team has once again decided to use some of the annual mission budget to help pay for the backpacks. We also will be collecting supplies or monetary donations to help with the needs of the students as they return to school. Once again we will hand out backpacks at party in the park for those in our community who need the extra help with acquiring the supplies needed for their children. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Kitch.

**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



As we get closer to VBS we ask that the congregation continues to pray for this event. We ask for prayers for all the volunteers that will be assisting and that those who may have a calling to volunteer but have not felt the nudge from God to join us for the week. We ask that you pray for the children attending, that their hearts and minds would be open to learning the works & word of God each day. And lastly prayers for the event itself that everything comes together as it should and that the weather will be what it should to have a enjoyable time. We will be contacting volunteers and holding a short meeting in the upcoming weeks, please if you are interested and have not signed up contact Rachel or Kristy and they will get you more details. It takes many hands to make this week come together and we know you will be impacted just as much as the children attending.

Also plan to Join us on the final Wednesday of every month for a family fun night, if you are interested in hosting a family night or have an idea please contact Kristy Jerke or Rachel Kitch.

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

Little Blessings Preschool

On Summer Vacation

Outside Play
Water & Pool Play
Prayers
Good Things
Church Sprinkler Fun

TLC Discoveries

Prayer Page for June 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Les Stewart

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*)

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

Janet Meyers, Misty Clauseen 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 Aguilara (*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 VanVeleet (*friend of Kim Kummer*)

Tracy Cox (*friend of Kim Kummer*)

Lee Kuhn (*friend of Kim Kummer*)

John Winter (*friend of Kummer*)

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, Janie
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*)

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Office Closed	5 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
6 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	7 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	8 9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Council	9 2:00 p.m. Pastor Riverbend	10	11	12 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
13 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	14	15	16 Pastor Gone	17	18	19 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
20 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Fellowship Meal	21	22 9:00 a.m. Quilting	23 Pastor Gone	24 9:00 a.m. Quilting	25	26 5:00 p.m. Worship Service Heartland District Gathering
27 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	28	29	30	31		

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Fellowship Meal

The Fellowship Meal on July 20th will be provided by TLF. This will be a summer picnic themed meal, come and enjoy sliders, sides, and dessert. This is a time for members of Trinity it enjoy a meal with out planning or cooking and fellowship with our church family.