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Mission Statement

Trinity Lutheran Church is a caring congregation committed to providing a place of worship to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We acknowledge the authority of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Growing in Christ as a community of believers, we share with all people the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?” – Romans 10:13-15a

Dear People of Trinity,

According to our mission statement, “Trinity Lutheran Church is a caring congregation committed to providing a place of worship to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior...Growing in Christ as a community of believers, we share with all people the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.” That’s the short version. We still need to do a little work on it to sharpen its focus a bit. But I like it. It does some good things. For instance, it identifies the fact that proclaiming Jesus is at our center. Caring is important. Worship is necessary. Growth is intended. And outreach through sharing (and I would add the word service) are also essential.

What it doesn’t do is tell you how we accomplish all those things. It can’t. It’s a statement of our purpose, nothing more. The story of how we carry out our purpose is supposed to be told by our budget. “What,” I imagine you all saying, “our budget? That’s nothing but a sheet of boring, lifeless numbers!” And you would be right, except that we are talking about a different kind of a budget. We are talking about a “narrative” budget, a budget that takes those dry, uninteresting numbers and gives them life by telling the stories of how we make our ministry happen.

The idea behind a narrative budget is to take that page of line item numbers on our traditional budget and distribute them proportionally across the areas of ministry we have defined for ourselves in our mission statement. That means that the costs of having our paid staff; the pastor, secretary, custodian and organists; as well as the cost of maintaining the building; the utilities, insurance, supplies and repairs; and the other expenses and ministry commitments; will be expressed as part of what we do to provide the care, worship, growth, sharing and service we provide, or whatever new categories we might add in our discussions.

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Trinity is delivering Meals on Wheels August 28–September 1. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have questions about delivering, contact Linda Lysen at 843-2268. Thank you for your willingness to serve our community.

If we do it well, that will make it mean something. As we tell the stories about what we do in each of those areas, it will no longer be a quiet, boring set of numbers, but an interesting and inspiring collection of stories! Paul was clear about his purpose in writing to the Romans. They needed someone to proclaim the gospel. He could do that. He had been sent to proclaim Christ, so that they might hear and believe. In the same way, a narrative budget will help us to proclaim our story of how we go about preaching the gospel in everything we do, so as to create faith and belief in the lives those we are sent to serve.

I hope you will get excited about this, but I don't want to over sell it. In thirty-five years of ministry, I have never completed a narrative budget, so I can't be completely certain that it's going to work. I can only say that I, and the council, are going to do our best. If all goes well, we'll have a preliminary version ready to introduce to you this fall!

Peace be with you, **Pastor Art**

Women of Trinity

President Rose presided at the meeting.

DEVOTIONS: Lois gave a reading "Thanksgiving on A Summer's day" from Ideals, she closed with a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 8 and Pastor Art.

TREASURER'S/SECRETARY REPORTS: A motion made by Lois to accept these reports, second by Becky. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you from James Ahndt for our assistance with Bible Camperships for Halie and Eli.

OLD BUSINESS: 4 "quilting" ladies along with other area Church quilters enjoyed the Bus trip to the Cities to deliver quilts which were delivered to Lutheran Relief, Marie Sandvik, Caring and Sharing Hands and Gospel Men's mission. We toured the Minnesota Arboretum which was very interesting and enjoyed by everyone and we also enjoyed a meal at the Country Buffet in Burnsville. There were a total of 46 ladies from area Churches on this trip.

JUNE MEETING: WELCA members/spouses enjoyed our annual "picnic"- we did not have a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Rose announced that the

Green Lake Bible Camp Quilt Auction will be Saturday July 22nd. Quilt review will begin at 9 a.m.-10:30 with a charge of \$3:00. Lunch will begin at 10:45 a.m. and the Auction will begin at 11:30 a.m. Rose will be going and has room for 2 more.

SALAD LUNCHEON: will be held September 12- from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.- all work units will be involved.

SHAWLS/QUILTS: Marilyn spoke about the need for a quilt/shawl that Meadow Lane Home is requesting- these are to be used to put around resident's shoulders. A motion was made by Shirley to purchase fleece and make 10 or 12 of these. Second by Lois. Motion carried.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday Sept. 13- hostess Marlene Giese.

ADJOURNMENT: Marilyn made a motion to adjourn-second by Jan. motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Table Grace.

Thank you to Becky and Marilyn for serving a delicious lunch.

JUNE 2017 INCOME

ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 7,660.00
LOOSE	\$ 131.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$ 8.00
TRANSFER (3,000 Memorial, 570.97 VBS, 162.41 Altar)	\$ 3,733.38
ENDOWMENT	\$ 1,434.00
MISCELLANEOUS (137.17 VBS offering, 50 cleaning)	\$ 187.17
JUNE INCOME	\$ 13,153.55

JULY 2017 INCOME

(7/01/17 through 7/09/17)

ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 5,108.00
LOOSE	\$ 56.00
GENERAL MEMORIAL	\$ 25.00
JULY INCOME	\$ 5,189.00

INCOME COMPARISON

YTD 2017 (through 7/09/17)	\$ 86,249.15
(backpack \$5070.00, Barnyard, \$1,072.00, Savings 3,000.00, Endowment 1434.00)	
YTD 2016 (backpack \$3146.00,)(through 7/17/16)	\$ 78,334.91

MEMORIALS/GIFTS RECEIVED

In Memory of Delmer Radtke from Friends
\$25.00 General Memorial Fund

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

ALTAR FUND	\$ 785.74
BUILDING FUND	\$ 470.00
HANDBELLS	\$ 781.71
LANDSCAPING	\$ 405.63
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 638.00
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 3,424.00
MUSIC FUND	\$ 1,256.27
PARKING LOT FUND	\$ 2,963.50
SOUND SYSTEM	\$ 938.50
SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND	\$ 2,369.98
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FUND	\$ 37.72
INTEREST	\$ 34.35
BALANCE TO DATE	\$ 14,105.40

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Members Serving in the Month of August

Usher

Rob Anderson
 Mark Schwarz
 Ron Lundebrek
 Matt Moe
 Dakotah Simonson

Lectors

8/06 Stacy Lindahl
 8/13 Gracie Grussing
 8/20 Susan Egenes
 8/27 Kurt Flegel
 9/03 Toni Lindstrom

Assisting Deacon:

Ron Lundebrek

Altar Guild

Cindy Steffen
 Shelly Hoffman

Acolytes

8/06 Anna McNeill
 Tyler Hadfield
 8/13 Blake Lien
 Jordan Grussing
 8/20 Taylor Duncan
 Kyura Gronseth
 8/27 Zoe Halvorson
 Sara Larson
 9/03 Sam Grussing
 Kermit Overlie

Coffee Servers

Coffee hour during the summer will be served by the quilters.

8/06 Hadfields,
 Craig & Miriam Lindblad
 8/13 Irene Heinzig,
 Rose DuHoux
 8/20
 8/27
 9/03 Rosy Petersen, Mary, Kris
 & Eleanor Sandstrom, L
 Laura Slaughter

Worship Attendance

Date	Atten.	Communed
7/02	??	83
7/09	90	
7/16	65	67
7/19	27	
7/23	60	

STATISTICAL CHANGE




Sympathies to:

- Kelly Michaelson & family on the death of her father, Keith Hansen.
- Jim Razink & family on the death of his Mother, Marcella Razink

Wedding:

7/15-Kailyne Pangrac & Joshua Nelson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 2017						
6 9:00-Communion Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:00-Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	14	15	16 6:00-Summer Mid-week Worship - Roosevelt Park	17	18	19 
20 9:00-Communion Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22	23	24 	25	26 Swift County Fair 8/16-8/20
27 9:00-Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour	28 First Day of School 	29 8:30-Volunteers for newsletter	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Pam's Office Hours Mondays - 8am-12 noon Tuesdays - 8am-12 noon Wednesdays - OFF Thursdays - 8am-12 noon Fridays - 8am-12 noon Unless otherwise stated on calendar </div>	

Youth Happenings

Sunday School 10:15-11:15 am

Rally Sunday will be September 10! See you then!

**ROCK (Reaching Our Community Kids)
4-6 grade Youth Group**

ROCK is open to all 4th, 5th & 6th graders at Trinity Lutheran and their friends.

**TIDES Happenings
7-12 grade Youth Group
(Together In Devotion Everyone Serves)**

Enjoy the last month of Summertime!

August Birthday's

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|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Teagan Bluhm | 12 Cole Grussing | 20 Sara Larson |
| 1 JoAnn Pettit | 12 Angie Marohl | 21 Judy Hoberg |
| 1 Lee Wogan | 13 Jordan Grussing | 21 Brian Ruppe |
| 2 Laura Hoffman | 13 Michael Heinzig | 22 Austin Aeikens |
| 2 Carson Olson | 13 Kayla Hilleren | 22 Kathy Jiohnson |
| 2 Luke Schwarz | 14 Aubree Lien | 22 Janet Ohmacht |
| 4 Dylan Wrobleski | 15 Keanen Aust | 23 Christopher Rengstorf |
| 5 Chaden Carroll | 15 Jerome Lysen | 23 Sheri Reuss |
| 5 Christopher Giese | 16 Jeremy Aust | 24 Amanda Egenes |
| 6 Shirley Grothe | 16 Scott Huston | 27 Anthony Aeikens |
| 6 Jill Grussing | 16 Kristin Moen | 27 Julie Anderson |
| 6 Linden Maanum | 17 Linda Feda | 27 Michael Hadfield |
| 7 Christopher Lassiter | 17 Cindy Steffen | 27 Brett Hoffman |
| 8 Brooke Hoberg | 19 Krysta Connolly | 28 Taylor Duncan |
| 9 Troy Collins | 19 Cohen Groinus | 30 Debra Bartz |
| 9 Susan Egenes | 19 Gracie Grussing | 31 Joe Wogan |
| 10 Barbara Brown | 19 Derrick Moser | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Pictures are in. If you ordered you may pick yours up in the church office.

VBS CD's are in. If you ordered one you may picked up in the church office.

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MIDSUMMER WORSHIP

We will conclude our
summer outdoor worship series on
Wednesday, August 16th at 6:00 p.m.
at Roosevelt Park.

Come, bring a friend and a lawn chair.
We'll bring a surprise for your refreshment
and fellowship following the service.
Let's pray for no rain in the afternoon
and not too much heat!