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<u>Worship Services</u> 9:00 am, Sunday There are no Wednesday Services during vacancy Sunday School (Sept - May)

10:30 am - 11:30 am



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#### **Celebrating life: Pro-life advocates meet to discuss post-Dobbs strategies** August 7, 2024 / Reporter / By Frank Kohn

For years, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has participated in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., joining tens of thousands to march to the U.S. Supreme Court on the anniversary of its 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion in all 50 states. Lutherans stand out, as they do in other marches around the country, by wearing green hats and ball caps provided by LCMS Life Ministry, singing hymns, and confessing their faith in creed and prayer.

The efforts of LCMS Life Ministry have not gone unnoticed by other organizations that have done yeoman's work in fighting for the protection of life in the womb. One of those organizations, Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SAFL), invited Life Ministry to participate in the first Celebrate Life Weekend June 21–23, also in Washington, D.C., to mark the Supreme Court's *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* ruling, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*, on June 24, 2022.

The Celebrate Life mission is to "unite pro-life women and men to celebrate, collaborate, and strategize for the protection of preborn children and to make abortion unthinkable in our culture." Attendees from numerous organizations discussed strategies to protect unborn children. A conference was also offered with breakout sessions on subjects such as empowering women to counter falsehoods about abortion and taking action to save lives.

Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor, managing director for Human Care and Ministerial Support for the LCMS Office of National Mission (ONM), presented a session on "Activating 'Life Disciples' in Your Church Community." She discussed how LCMS Life Ministry equips and encourages congregations to educate their members of all ages on God's design for life, the family and marriage — in the church and home. Manor unpacked the foundation for the LCMS' educational efforts — the distinction between Law and Gospel, which "are really important concepts when teaching about the sanctity of human life," she said.

Manor also gave advice on how to engage congregation members in pro-life activity.

"Start with [getting] a group of people together to commit to prayer, to commit to study[ing] the Bible," Manor said. "As more people become engaged and interested, as everyone has the same understanding of what God says about ... His creation of life, then folks might be more interested in hearing what the congregation can do to get involved, and then to connect with partners in the community."

Manor noted that communities are different and recommended checking in "with partners, other churches, pregnancy resource centers, physicians, even your local policy makers" to see what the unmet needs are. She suggested asking how women, children and families are underserved in a community and what might be done to address those needs. "Then you can figure out what your congregation can offer your community."

Also representing the LCMS in D.C. were the Rev. Daniel Galchutt, ONM executive director, and the Rev. James Douthwaite, pastor of St. Athanasius Lutheran Church in nearby Vienna, Va.

Galchutt gave the opening prayer for the gala on Friday evening. The following morning, Douthwaite gave a devotion before attendees headed to the Lincoln Memorial for a rally in 100-degree heat.

In his devotion, Douthwaite encouraged conference attendees dismayed by the efforts in many states to keep abortion legal.

"The *Dobbs* decision was great. A step in the right direction, but only a step," he said. "Since then there have been setbacks — states enacting laws and amending their constitutions in ways that do not support life. ... All of which is a reminder to us that the right laws and more laws may help, but ... the answer is Jesus. The answer is to change hearts."

"Changing the law is hard," Douthwaite continued. "It took 50 years to get *Dobbs*, but hearts are harder still." Douthwaite referenced Ecclesiastes 3:9 — "What gain has the worker from his toil?" — acknowledging that those who advocate for life "may not see results. You may want to throw up your hands and give up." Yet, he said pro-lifers' efforts are never in vain. "As Isaiah reminds us, God's Word never returns empty, but accomplishes that for which God purposes and succeeds in the thing for which He sends it [Isaiah 55:11]. And that is true for His written word, His spoken word and especially His Word made flesh in Jesus.

"He is still giving life and redeeming life, and so we will continue to celebrate His gift of life and fight to protect it."

#### Coming up

LCMS Life Ministry is promoting pro-life events around the country:

2024

- Sept. 23: Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg
- Sept. 26: New Jersey March for Life in Trenton 2025
- Jan. 24: National March for Life in Washington, D.C.
- Jan. 25: Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco
- Jan. 25: Texas Rally for Life in Austin

Life Ministry is also planning a conference for next spring, with in-person and online options available. <u>Watch</u> for more information to come.

Other opportunities for Lutherans to get educated and become active in pro-life efforts include attending a Lutherans For Life fall conference. Three options are available:

- Sept. 14 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bristol, Conn.
- Oct. 12 at Hope Lutheran Church in Shawnee, Kan.
- Nov. 9 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winter Garden, Fla.
  - For more information, visit <u>lutheransforlife.org/conferences</u>.



# MONTHLY GROUP MEETINGS

# ✤ Ladies Aid

Will meet on Thursday, September 5th at 1:30 pm at the church.

## Trinity Afternoon Guild

Will meet on Tuesday, September 10th at 1:30 pm at the church.

# \* <u>Men of Trinity</u>

Will meet on Monday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm at the Church.

## ✤ <u>Active Christian Fellowship</u>

ACF will not meet in September. The next meeting will be Monday, October 13th at Birch haven at 6:30 pm.

### Hannah Circle

Will meet on Thursday, September 12th at 1:30 pm.

### ✤ <u>Altar Circle</u>

Will meet on Monday, September 16th at 1:00 pm.

# Eunice Circle

Will meet on Tuesday, September 17th at 9:30 am.

# Christian Singles

The Christian Singles will meet for lunch on Sunday, September 8th.

### Happy Quilters

The "Happy Quilters" meet on the 3rd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 9:00am at the church.



# **CHURCH OFFICERS**

President: Randy Yarbrough - 218-766-0695 Council Secretary: Paul Borslien - 218-289-2866 Financial Secretary - Becky Theis - 218-368-6916 Treasurer: Scott Kurtzweg - 218-556-2892

# ELDERS

#### If your last name begins with:

A - C D - H I - M N - R S T - Z

# **CHURCH BOARDS**

#### TRUSTEES

Dave Krueger - 218-766-5053 Carlos Moreno - 218-444-2888 Mark Tisler - 701-640-3447

### **BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**

Lenay Tieman - 218-444-1412 David/Susan Krueger - 218-444-9583 Bonnie Wentzel - 218-751-6119

#### **BOARD OF MISSIONS**

Steve Krueger - 218-751-3794 Mary Krueger - 218-751-3794 Wayne Tieman - 218-760-1099

#### Then you Elder is:

Steve Krueger - 218-751-3794 Scott Wilson - 701-238-7557 Ben Lang - 218-444-7689 Ron Oelrich - 218-766-4656 Eric Lee - 218-966-1023 Paul Borslien - 218-289-2866

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Sheridan Ellis - 218-987-2752 Vacancy Vacancy

### YOUTH BOARD

Allison Chandler - 218-766-4830 Susan Krueger - 218-444-9583 Dede Kubitz - 218-280-8526

### SCHOOL BOARD

Allison Chandler - 218-766-4830 Wentdy Potratz - 218-556-8432 Marie Borslien - 218-556-7538

# **DISTRICT NEWS**

# **OFFICIAL NOTICE:** THE 25TH CONVENTION of the

# Minnesota North District

LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod

Dates:	February 23-25, 2025
Location:	Timberlake Lodge, Grand Rapids, MN
Theme:	"A living hope in Christ" I Peter 1:3-5
Host Circuit:	Iron Range Circuit, Rev. Jim Anthony, Circuit Visitor

" Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a saluation ready to be revealed in the last time." I Peter 1:3-5



You Are Invited-Bus Tour December 28–January 2 | \$900-1100/person Hosted by: St. Mark's Benson

Includes a stop at Mission Central in Iowa. To sign up or get more information please contact Pastor Wolter: jwolter78@hotmail.com or 402-335-7518



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#### 9-11:30am First Discussion:

OCTOBER

Learn the story of how we arrived at this point in istory in regard to gender studies and explore how i stands in contrast to the Biblical treasured identity of woman.

#### 12:30-3pm Second Discussion::

physiological phenomena surrounding Gender-Disorphira and how we as the Christian Church respond and care those who are struggling.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Presenter: Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy



#### Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024

Christian Caregiving for People Suffering with Depression and Anxiety

10 a.m.-3 p.m Sieck Hall 202 Registration: \$20 (\$15 boxed lunch) Registration deadline: Sept. 23, 2024

ESPECIALLY

#### Dr. Stephen Pietsch

Today mental health struggles affect so many people, draining their energy and joy for life and undermining their confidence. People rightly look for medical and psychological treatment to help them in such struggles. Yet, as researchers are recognizing more and more, a large component of these struggles is spiritual, and people need spiritual care and healing too. In this workshop we will draw on the long Christian tradition of care and comfort to those in mental distress, looking into Scripture, as well as gaining insights from Martin Luther and his pastoral care of those with mental struggles



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# **CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday August 18, 2024 we had another Family Fun Day. After the Divine Sunday service we gathered in the fellowship hall for a Sunday School Song Sing-a-long followed by a meal and Castle Building Contest!



# TRINITY VOLUNTEERS AT LUTHERANS FOR LIFE BOOTH



Thank you to the volunteers who helped out at the Lutherans For Life Booth at the Beltrami County Fair this year!

Pictured are Sun Prouty, Lynette Perrault, Rod & Bonnie Wentzel, Darlene Lind, Darlene Peterson, Kevin, Heather, & Mackenzie Ellis, Dave & Sue Krueger, Larry & Pam Eichstadt, John Egeland, and Wayne Tieman.



# THE "HAPPY QUILTERS" CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY



On Thursday, July 25th the Ladies of the "Happy Quilters" group gathered at Perkins Restaurant to celebrate the Birthday of Phyllis Brauneis. Congratulations and Happy Birthday Phyllis!

Pictured (Clockwise) are: Bev Haman, Dottie Liapis, Doris Tibbetts, Trish Davis with Logan & Maverick, Linda Wold, Gayle Christensen, Carol Sorensen, Phyllis Brauneis, and Janet Wilson.

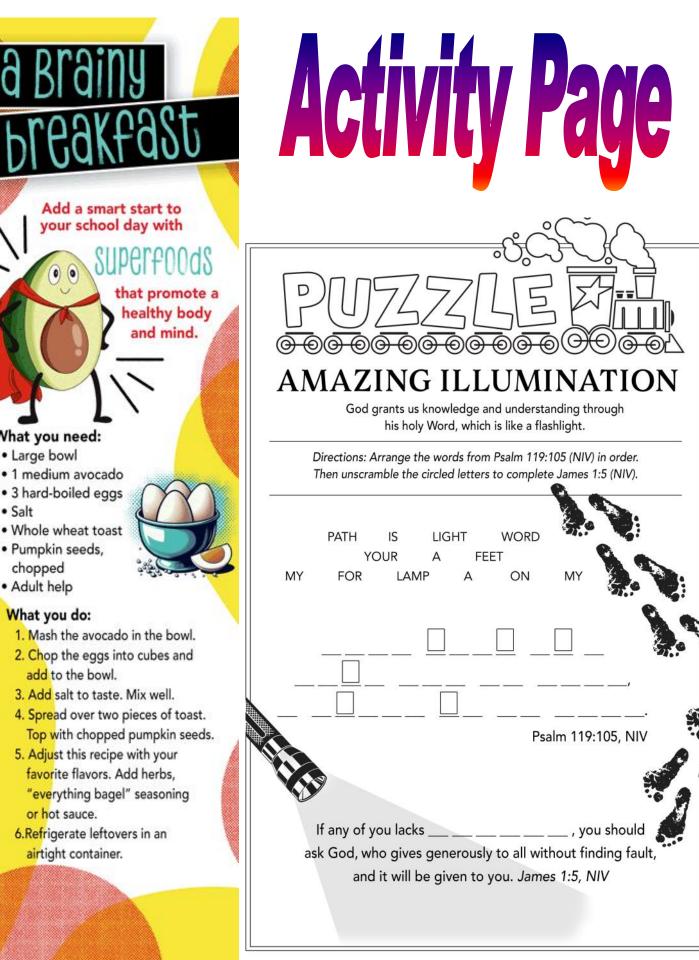
# ANNUAL MEATBALL DINNER & FUNDRAISERS Sunday, October 6th, 11:00-2:00 PM.

The Meatball Dinner is back with all proceeds going to support the Preschool/ Childcare program.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the Annual meatball dinner & Fundraisers from 11am-2pm

There will be sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for requested food donations and volunteers to help with the Meatball Supper.

Thank you and God Bless!



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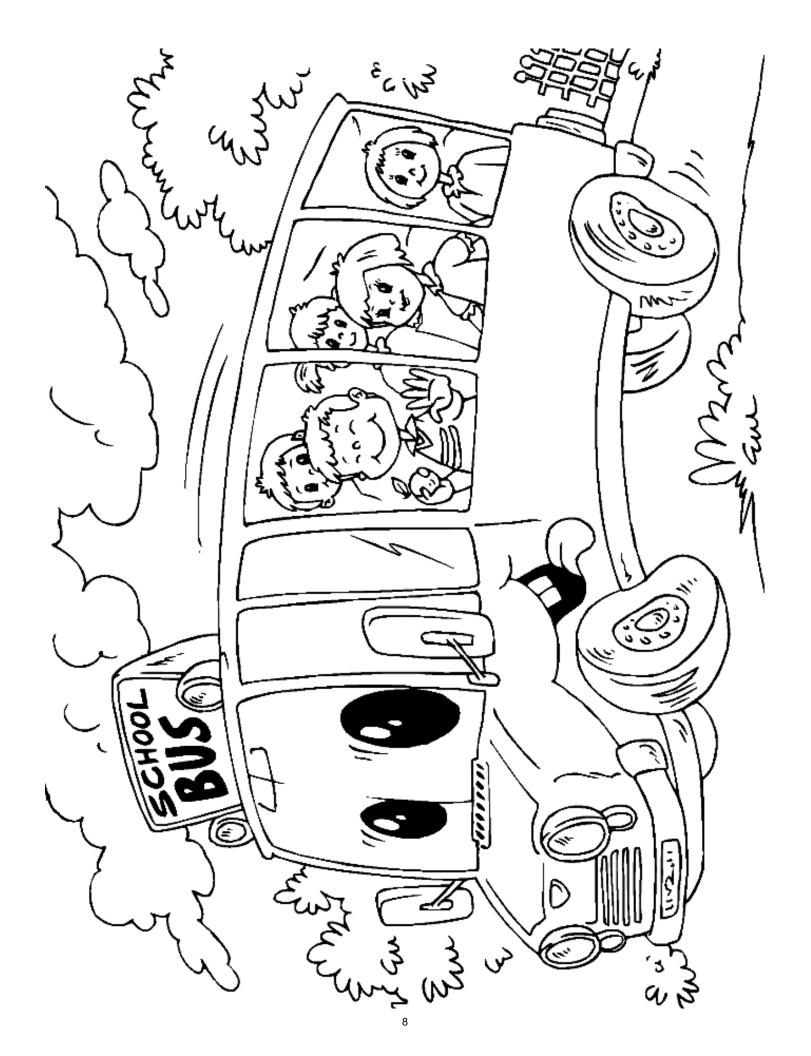
or hot sauce.

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Adult help

Salt

#### Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path; wisdom





# Annual Meatball Dinner Sunday, October 6th, 2024 Meatball Supper & Fundraisers from 11 am - 2pm

**EVERYONE WELCOME!** 

Growing Tree Learning Center Begins Tuesday, September 3rd TLC Preschool Begins Monday, September 9th

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS & TEACHERS





Trinity's Sunday School Fall Kick-off Sunday, September 8th 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sunday School , Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study Lunch, Fun & Games immediately following for ALL!

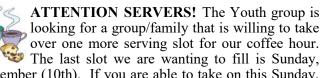
Sunday School Registration Flyers are

on the table under the mailboxes

The Portals of Prayer for October - December 2024 are in the basket on the table in back of the sanctuary.



TRINITY PARKING LOT RENEWAL The Parking Lot renewal is complete and looks great! You can still contribute to this worthwhile project. Our Goal is to raise \$12,140.00 and to date we have received **\$7,580.00** toward our goal! Thank you. We only have \$4,560.00 needed to reach our goal. You can help with a donation of any size, or fund a Parking spot for \$110.00. Please remember to designate your donations for "Trinity Parking Lot".



November (10th). If you are able to take on this Sunday, please contact the church office. Thank you

# Lutheran Island Camp **UPCOMING EVENTS**



# September 13-15

### Parent Child Horse Camp

This is offered to campers in 3rd-6th grade and their parents. Campers and parents will learn the basics of ground safety as well as how to steer and ride their horses at a walk. Friday evening, campers and parents will enjoy s'mores after campfire. Saturday, campers and parents will spend the day at the ranch, which includes a fun horse related craft and riding out on the trails. No prior horse experience is required. Weight limit of 180lbs.

## September 20-22

## Adventurer's Horse Camp

This is offered to 7th & 8th graders. Campers will learn the basics of ground safety as well as how to ride and care for their horses. Friday evening, campers will enjoy s'mores after campfire. Saturday, campers will spend the day at the ranch, which includes a fun horse related craft and riding out on the trails. Prior horse experience is preferred. Weight limit of 180lbs.

# September 27-29

## Parent Child Horse Camp

This is offered to campers in 3rd-6th grade and their parents. Campers and parents will learn the basics of ground safety as well as how to steer and ride their horses at a walk. Friday evening, campers and parents will enjoy s'mores after campfire. Saturday, campers and parents will spend the day at the ranch, which includes a fun horse related craft and riding out on the trails. No prior horse experience is required. Weight limit of 180lbs.

# October 11-12

### Maplewood Outing

This camping and horse riding adventure is offered to those 18+ years old. An amazing opportunity to make other Christian friends, enjoy the outdoors on horseback, sleep under the stars, and eat food prepared over the fire. Visit the website for more details.

# BEMIDJI-PARK RAPIDS ZONE LWML FALL RALLY

# Thursday, October 17, 2024



# Children of the Heavenly Father

# **Ingathering: Northwoods Pregnancy Center**

Always needs these 3 items especially:

- Diapers: size 4 to 7
- Pull-ups: sizes up to 3T
  - Wipes

Hosted by Trinity's Afternoon Guild Trinity Lutheran Church 123 29th Street NE, Bemidji, MN

# SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP

## Stewards, Called to Forgiveness

Human beings were created and redeemed to be stewards. Bearing the image of God (Gen. 1:26–28), the steward was created to reflect the Creator within creation. In a way, stewards are simply mirrors. Mirrors cannot do anything to the image that is placed in front of them.

A mirror was the first item in creation that embodied the computer term GIGO. "Garbage in, Garbage out." In a computer, if you enter good data, you get a good result. You enter bad data; you will get a garbage result.

In photography, you can run an image through a filter, which can remove imperfections. Myriad apps allow for the option to cut people out, add people in and change backgrounds all in an attempt to make the perfect image. Mirrors cannot do that. They do not provide anything new. Mirrors are created to reflect, not process, an image. They simply reflect the person standing in front of them.

Stewards are like this. Created to reflect, a steward will reflect the God in front of them. The steward will either reflect a godly stewardship that holds that God is the owner of all things (Ps. 24:1) and is the One to whom they are accountable, or they will reflect the god of self and see the created order as something to be possessed, used, and in far too many cases, abused. It is not a question of IF the steward reflects, it is really a question of WHO is being reflected.

For this reason, the *Lutheran Service Book* has included a necessary hymn worthy of meditation: "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (*LSB* 788). Its first verse reads:

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness, For dull content with warmth and sheltered care, For songs of praise for food and harvest press, While of Your richer gifts we're unaware.

This is a fitting call to repentance for every steward. Our thankfulness is so often shallow. We get comfortable with the overflowing blessings we have entrusted to us by the Lord. These trusts are so many that the steward often forgets the One who entrusts them. Worse, with so many physical trusts evident, the steward loses sight of the greatest trust: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The failed steward sees so much plenty that they lose sight of the treasure: Jesus!

So, we confess our shallow thankfulness. In absolution, the imperfections of the failed steward are wiped away and a new image is sent into the world. We release our hold on stuff. We rethink our relationship with the created order and recall that it is all to be used FOR JESUS! This keeps the richer gifts in view, for us and for those we know and love who need Jesus.

OUR GIVING	Monthly Receipts/Expenses	<u>July 2024</u>
	General Fund Receipts	\$22,752.88
	PS/CC Receipts	\$24,758.38
	Interest Receipts	\$456.32
	(Transfer to Money Market) Adjustments	-\$10,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$37,967.58
Stewardship	TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$29,484.28
		Monthly +/-
	OVERAGE/SHORTAGE	\$8,483.30
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# YOU CAN NOW GIVE YOUR TITHE OR OFFERING **ONLINE?!**

It's Easy, just follow these steps...

- 1. Visit Trinity's Website at <u>www.trinitybemidji.org</u>.
- 2. Click on "Donate" at the top right of the Home Page.
- 3. On the next page, Click the <u>Donate</u> button and you will be directed to our PayPal page.
- 4. From here, you can either donate with your existing PayPal account <u>OR</u> if you don't have an account you can donate with your Credit Card.
- 5. Then just complete using your information and submit.

If you have any questions about the process, please call the church office.

The Benefits Of Online Giving

# **STEWARDSHIP**

You have the option of giving a one time gift, or having your tithe post monthly.

# CONVENIENT

You can continue to support Trinity even if you are away on vacation or gone for the winter.

# **FLEXIBILITY**

You can give to the General Fund or choose to give to a specific Ministry of the church.

If you would like help in learning how make your donation or tithe to Trinity online, just stop in to the office, we are happy to help.



# September Birthdays and Anniversaries at Trinity Lutheran Church

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$\mathfrak{Z}$ Kevin Ellis, Cheryl Frederikson, Maxine Simonson, Guy Wold	$19^{ m Roberta~Otting}$
4 Tom Smith, Wayne Thorson	20Carolyn Eichstadt, Nathaniel Krueger Faith Lundin, Doris Tibbetts
5 Craig & Jill Walter (20)	21Gretchen Wentzel
6 Ryan Otting, Linda Wold	22 Bauer Walter Tim & Amy Freye (17)
8 Kevin & Amy Muller (12)	23 Levi Eichstadt
9 Katie Lang	24 Scott & Ginny Kurtzweg (30)
10Paul Hoks, Whitney Lundeen Teegan Reierson	25 Tom Dressen, Mason Molitor Andy & Sarah Branham (25)
Lee & Wendy Potratz (25)	Larry & Pam Eichstadt (42) 28 Matt Peske
13 Jeff & Jill Korbel (27)	30 Bill Dappen, Kay Olson, Tanner Olson, Jill Walter
15 <sup>Karen Hanson</sup>	
16 <sup>Gary Krueger</sup>	
17 Kevín & Heather Ellís (30)	This Month's Anniversaries
	Birthdays







LARGE PRINT bulletins are available for those that have difficulty with the regular bulletin. If you would benefit from having one of these bulletins, please ask an usher for a copy.

If you are interested in being a Greeter or an Usher, please speak with one of the Elders.



**WHEN YOU LEAVE GOD'S HOUSE**, please turn out ALL the lights (except in the office hallway) and please check that ALL the entrance doors are LOCKED, even if you didn't unlock them.

#### Greeting Cards Available!



Individual Cards are \$1.00 each. Boxed cards are priced on bottom. Checks are preferred. Please make your checks out to Trinity Ladies Aid and put your

payment in the container provided. Thank you.

Check out the "RESOURCE TABLE" in the Fellowship Hall for FREE Books, Periodicals, Devotionals, and More.



Portals of Prayer are in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.



The season after Pentecost begins with Holy Trinity Sunday and continues through the last Sunday of the church year in

ALTAR CIRCLE November. The paraments are green, the color of life, refreshment and regeneration. Throughout this season, the focus is on the Lord's teaching and how it is applied in the life of the Church.



A "Gluten Free" option is available for communion. If you would like to take advantage of this option, please speak with Pastor or Elders.

## Bemidji Area Food Shelf

Trinity, along with United Methodist Church volunteer the <u>3rd Monday of</u> <u>each month</u> at the Food Shelf. The first shift is from 9am-12pm and the



first shift is from 9am-12pm and the Bemidji second shift is from 12-3:30pm. Both Food Shelf shifts need 6-7 volunteers.

The Food Shelf would not function without all the volunteers who give of their time. Thank you for all you do to help the Food Shelf run smoothly. *~June Roxstrom* 

Check out our website. www.trinitybemidji.org



Please check the covered bulletin boards in the Church Entrance Hall for posted Letters, Community Events, Concerts, Meals, Fundraisers, local activities and news.

# Read Through the Bible in a Year - September

- 1 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 Job 31-33
- 2 Psalm 86 Job 34-36
- 3 Psalm 87 Job 37-39
- 4 Psalm 88 Job 40-42
- 5 Psalm 89 Proverbs 1-3
- 6 Psalm 90 Proverbs 4-7
- 7 Psalm 91 Proverbs 8-10
- 8 Psalm 92 Proverbs 11-13

- 9 Psalm 93 Proverbs 14-16
- 10 Psalm 94 Proverbs 17-19
- 11 Psalm 95 Proverbs 20-22
- Psalm 96
   Proverbs 23-25
   Psalm 97
- Proverbs 26-28 14 Psalm 98
- Proverbs 29-31 15 Psalm 99
- Ecclesiastes 1-3 16 Psalm 100
- Ecclesiastes 4-6

- 17 Psalm 101 Ecclesiastes 7-9
- 18 Psalm 102 Ecclesiastes 10-12
- 19 Psalm 103 Song of Solomon 1-4
- 20 Psalm 104 Song of Solomon 5-8
- 21 Psalm 105 Jeremiah 1-3
- 22 Psalm 106 Jeremiah 4-6
- 23 Psalm 107 Jeremiah 7-9
- 24 Psalm 108 Jeremiah 10-12

- 25 Psalm 109 Jeremiah 13-15
- 26 Psalm 110 Jeremiah 16-18
- 27 Psalm 111 Jeremiah 19-22
- 28 Psalm 112 Jeremiah 23-25
- 29 Psalm 113 Jeremiah 26-28
- 30 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 Jeremiah 29-31

# September 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church - 444-4441

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study <i>Altar Circle Serves</i>	2 6:30 PM Men of Trinity	3 GROWING TREE LEARNING CENTER BEGINS	4	5 1:30 PM Ladies Aid 5:30 PM Board of Elders	6	7
8 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Christian Singles Grandparents Katie Lang Serves	9 PRESCHOOL BEGINS	10 1:30 PM Trinity Afternoon Guild	11	12 1:30 PM Hannah Circle	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study Men Serve	16 1:00 PM Altar Circle	17 9:30 AM Eunice Circle	18	19 9:00 AM "Happy Quilters" 6:00 PM Church Boards 7:00 PM Church Council	20	21
22 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study Autumn Begins Evening Guild Serves	23	24	25	26 9:00 AM "Happy Quilters"	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study ACF Serves	30	The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children— with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. ~ Psalm 103:15-18				