



TLC Grapevine

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Worship Service
9:00 am, Sunday
6:30 pm, Wednesday
(During Lent & Advent)

Sunday School (Sept - May)
10:30 am - 11:30 am

Weekly Bible Study
Wednesday 1 - 4 pm

Sunday 10:30 am
Confirmation
Wednesday 4:15 pm



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Forming and calling pastors: A sacred work

April 30, 2026 / Reporter / By James Banecks

“Each sermon then becomes more important than all those sessions which spend their time discussing big church resolutions regarding the Bonn constitution, the atom bomb, or Goethe’s 200th birthday.”

Hermann Sasse’s point in the quote above is that there is nothing more important than the preaching of Jesus Christ. In the same passage, he writes, “All this [worldly power and importance] must pass away and will pass away. ... But the holy ministry, preaching repentance and forgiveness, and the congregation of the faithful, who in faith are justified sinners — that will remain” (emphasis added).

Fast forward to April 2026. Something divine — something very sacred — just took place in the chapels of our seminaries in Fort Wayne and St. Louis. It has been happening for over 180 years. Several men ascended the chancel in the presence of the Lord of hosts. Their full names were spoken to all the church along with the names of the congregations they will be serving. The everlasting, almighty, holy and gracious God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — called them into the Office of the Holy Ministry.

God formed these men — many from infancy — through their parents, pastors, Sunday school teachers, grandparents, laypersons, youth leaders, school teachers, professors and vicarage supervisors. Mostly, He formed them through the preaching and instruction of the Word. He formed them in the liturgy and the Small Catechism. He formed them through life experiences and trials. He formed them through a community of peers and theological instruction. He formed them through the sacrifice and prayers of many. He formed them into a cruciform life of service, humility and faithfulness to God and His Word.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) doesn’t just make this stuff up. God promises: “I will give you shepherds after My own heart” (Jer. 3:15). “Feed My sheep” (John 21:17). “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’ ... So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the [preaching of the] word of Christ” (Rom. 10:15, 17).

After these men pack up their belongings and move to their first call — then what? Then they will preach the Word of Christ through which the Holy Spirit will create and sustain saving faith. Then, in the stead and by the command of Christ, these pastors will forgive the sins of God’s people. They will visit you and care for your life, body and soul. They will catechize your children and grandchildren with the Word of God — the one thing needful.

They will bring the Word of Christ to your spouse in his or her last days on earth. They will speak God’s Word and pray with couples whose marriages are troubled. They will lead the women’s Bible study and visit with quilters as they stitch. They will work beside the members of the congregation while looking after those members’ souls. They will officiate your child’s wedding and preach at your mother’s funeral. These men are called by Christ to represent Him and His holy Word for the sake of our eternal souls and that of our family and friends.

Forming and calling pastors is most sacred. It is the work of God through His people. Tomorrow’s pastors are in your congregation and in your family right now. Talk to the boys and men in your congregation — encourage them to consider the Office of the Holy Ministry. *Learn more at lcms.org/sas.*





Group Meetings

- ❖ **Ladies Guild**
Ladies Guild will meet on Thursday, June 4th at 1:00 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Men of Trinity**
Will meet on Monday, June 1st & June 15th at 5:30 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Hannah Circle**
Does not meet in June, July, or August.
- ❖ **Altar Circle**
Will meet on Monday June 15th at 1:00 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Eunice Circle**
Does not meet in June, July, or August.
- ❖ **Christian Singles**
The Christian Singles will meet for lunch on Sunday, June 14th.
- ❖ **Happy Quilters**
The “Happy Quilters” meet on the 3rd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 9:00am at the church.



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Saved by Grace, A True Story



Christ once spoke to a suffering woman; “Daughter,” He told her, “Your faith has made you well.” But what was she made well from? As the story unfolds, we learn that she hemorrhaged blood for twelve years which the physicians of her day could not stop. Their combined knowledge and abilities were of no avail to her. As we might expect, she was miserable physically, emotionally and above all spiritually every day for years despite the human services she received. Being desperate as we might imagine, she was prompted by the knowledge that Christ could heal her simply by touching his garments. So, she did. This resulted in her immediate and complete healing. But what was her real problem? Was it simply the flow of blood? On the surface we might answer yes, but clearly, her problem was that she depended on human progress to bring about her salvation. Fortunately, by the power of God's Word her heart was open to hear of Christ's ability to save her. Not only from her immediate flow of blood but also that he would give her something even more valuable, the gift of eternal life.

As modern people, we also suffer from her first outlook. And so we tend to rely on our own abilities to solve our problems, and from a human standpoint our technological advances make us feel capable of doing so. For example, we have the highest standard of living, the finest materials, and unsurpassed medical care. Our life spans have lengthened and human comforts have increased. We also have physicians who can keep a preemie alive outside of the womb and are able to remove the human heart and repair it while machines circulate our blood. Within me for example are specialized materials providing new pathways for my blood to flow freely by use of cardiac stents. But none of these things just like her physician's efforts can ultimately save us from our daily sufferings and eventual death when our blood stops flowing. But the arguments still rage that as we advance in understanding human behavior, we are capable of solving the issues surrounding our human condition. Why, because we are better able to recognize, diagnose and treat our emotional and physical woes. From one standpoint this is true as we find hope when behaviors and conditions are changed. And the truth is we see results in reality as people's attitudes and behaviors change. But why these things happen in my humble profession of faith can only be explained by the fact that God in His infinite love continues to bless us with these gifts. For purposes, I can only surmise is to lessen the effects of our physical and spiritual sufferings such as the woman's hemorrhage of blood caused.

Thereby, it stands to reason we should take note of what Christ did for her? Her salvation is a pleasant reality as His actions solved what her physicians could not. It expresses that we plainly need divine help! And she was willing to risk it all on Him, and why not, what did she have to lose. So she thought; “If I touch His clothes, “she said, “I'll get well.” Immediately her blood stopped flowing and she felt in her body her trouble was gone and she was well.” She was right to touch him, wasn't she? And not simply to have her blood stop flowing, but to receive eternal life which Christ's blood on the cross made available to her when He said; “Your faith has made you well”. (Mark 5:2f-’ 34).

God's blessings!

Rev. Les Uhrinak

Sunday School Happenings

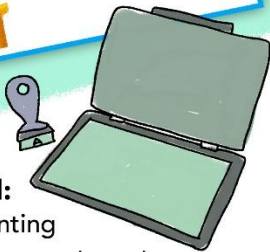
Sheridan is overseeing the girls putting their 'hand' butterflies on the bulletin board.



*The last day of Sunday School was May 16th.
Due to the weather, we stayed inside.
We feasted on tacos in a bag and burritos.
You see in the photos that ice cream is not only enjoyed by
the little girls - the big girls also love it!
Another good gathering at Trinity Church!
Sunday School will start up again in September.*

WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.

Activity Page



PUZZLE

REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and the go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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11	1	13	14	17	7	11	1	13	14	7	5	17	18	15	8	10	15	7

1 John 3:1, NIV

Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

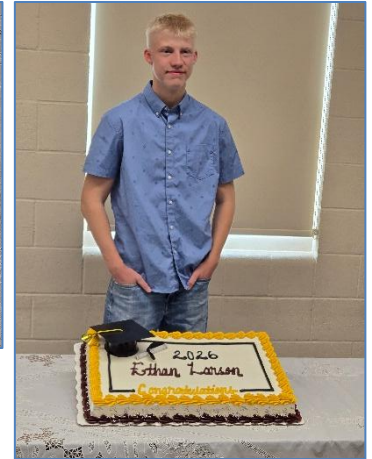
Happy Father's Day!



Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

Our Church Family

Congratulations to our graduating Senior, Ethan Larson!



Congratulations!

On Sunday, May 17th, Trinity's High School graduating Senior, Ethan Larson was presented with a quilt created by Linda Wold, from Trinity's "Happy Quilters" group. Following the presentation, cake was served in the Fellowship Hall to honor the graduate.

Baptism

*On Sunday, May 31st, We Welcomed
Adelaide Vesti Severson,
daughter of Taylor & Christina Severson,
to our Church Family through baptism!*



**After the Baptism of Adelaide Severson, Taylor & Christina hosted
a Breakfast Celebration for their entire Church Family!
Everyone had a great time!**



*The Celebration was well attended!
and everyone had a great time celebrating with the Severson Family!*



*Margaret Lohse holding Evelyn,
Adelaide's big sister!*



*Thank you Taylor & Christina
for providing us with such a
grand breakfast!*



*The Kitchen Crew
Thank you for your help!*

News & Announcements

LADIES SALAD LUNCHEON Saturday, June 27, 2026 10:30 AM

This luncheon is a special event as we will be honoring our sisters who are 90 years and older. Let us all celebrate them with good food, good fellowship, singing and reminiscing. Contact Janet Wilson with any questions.



Updates to the Prayer Chain
The NEW EMAIL for the Prayer Chain is:
TLCPrayerChain@yahoo.com
To contact the Prayer Chain by phone, you can call Heather Ellis at 218-766-3079.

**The Portals of Prayer for
April – June 2026
Are available in the Basket
In the back of the Sanctuary.**



Greeting Cards for Sale!



The Ladies Guild has refreshed the selection of Greeting cards for sale in the Narthex. Please come and take a look. Single cards and boxes are priced as marked. Check or Cash. You can leave the payment in the container provided. Make checks payable to Trinity Ladies Guild.



The Council requests that everyone help in God's House by: **Cleaning up after yourselves; Turning off ALL lights (except the office hallway), Locking ALL the doors before leaving the church on Sundays and anytime that you have used the building. Thank you!**



SUPPORT GREAT MUSIC

Come, support your Trinity musicians.

The annual Bemidji Area Church Musicians recital will be held at Trinity on

Wednesday, June 10th from 12 -12:30pm

The recital is about 1/2 hour and is followed by a free-will lunch of the hand bells famous sloppy joes.

Lutheran Island Camp Upcoming Events



Summer Registration

Registration is open for Summer 2026 beginning January 2! You can check out our Summer Registration page to view all of our programs. A couple tips for registration:

Our registration software is Campwise. You will need an account. If you don't remember your login, please **DO NOT** make another account. Instead contact our registrar, Dianne, at 218.583.2905.

Horse Camp usually fills up quickly. The earlier you register, the better chance your child has of getting in. Otherwise, there is a waitlist.!

Parent Portal

Everything you need for your child's time at camp is in the Parent Portal! (www.islandcamp.org/parent-portal) Informational Letters, Packing List, Health/Photo Release Forms, Schedules

August 7-9, 2026

LWML Retreat

Friday-Sunday: \$180

Saturday-Sunday: \$130

Saturday Only: \$110

Island Our retreat speaker will be Christina Walther, from Northern Minnesota. She is deeply passionate about guiding individuals to connect with Christ at every stage and walk of life. Her goal is that her faith and resilience inspire those around her as she embraces life's journey with hope and gratitude. She utilizes a blend of speaking and sharing of her original music—inspired by scripture, and resonates with the message she shares. The heart of her story revolves around her journey and her endurance through grief. She refers to her journey as “Turning my Why into Wonder”. She quickly has moved beyond asking “why” and instead embraced a sense of wonder about what God had in store for us. His ways are truly amazing.

JUNE STEWARDSHIP

What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

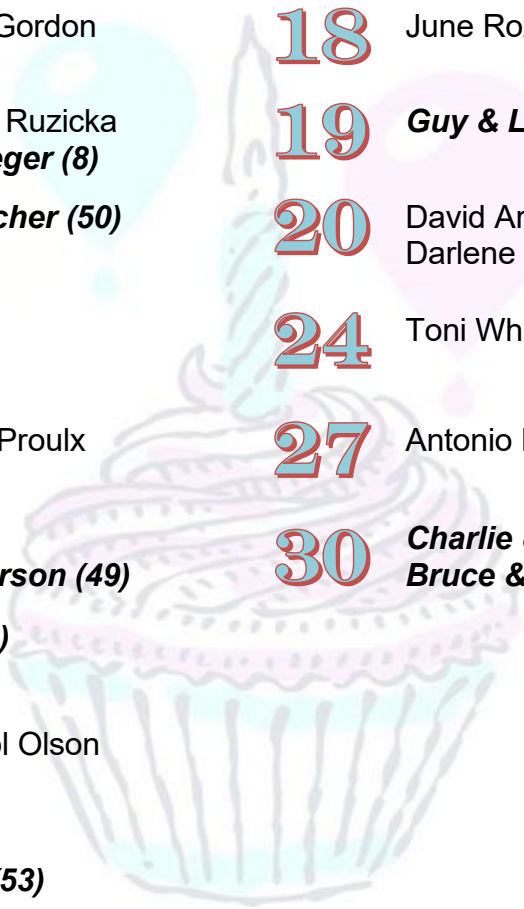


Monthly Receipts/Expenses

	<u>April 2026</u>
General Fund Deposits	\$26,199.16
Interest Receipts	\$10.96
Adjustments	_____
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$26,210.12
 TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	 \$19,174.20
	Monthly +/-
OVERAGE/SHORTAGE	+ \$7,035.92

June Birthdays and Anniversaries at Trinity Lutheran Church

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| 1 | Laverne Bell, Trajon Gordon | 18 | June Roxstrom |
| 2 | Mackenzie Lee, Vicki Ruzicka
<i>David & Susan Krueger (8)</i> | 19 | <i>Guy & Linda Wold (55)</i> |
| 5 | <i>Tony & Margaret Richer (50)</i> | 20 | David Arndt, Gretchen Larson,
Darlene Lind |
| 7 | Evelyn Severson | 24 | Toni Whitney |
| 10 | Elias Blocker, Austin Proulx | 27 | Antonio Moreno |
| 11 | Jerry Farmer
<i>Greg & Susan Anderson (49)</i> | 30 | <i>Charlie & Inger Benson III (70)</i>
<i>Bruce & Debbie Nordick (47)</i> |
| 13 | <i>Kris & Sheri Lee (11)</i> | | |
| 14 | Debbie Nordick, Carol Olson | | |
| 16 | Maverick Davis
<i>Ron & Deb Oelrich (53)</i> | | |
| 17 | Jonas Chen | | |



A DOSE of HUMOR

CRISLER

"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."

Altar Flower Volunteers Needed!!

Sign up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for a Sunday, Cost is \$30. If you are interested, contact the Church Office.

Address/Phone

If your address and/or phone number changes, please let the church office know so your information will be correct in the church database.
Thank you



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.

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

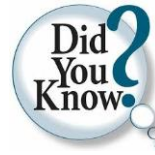


Check out our website:
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ALTAR GUILD

The season after Pentecost begins with Holy Trinity Sunday and continues through the last Sunday of the church year in 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 volunteers the 3rd Monday of each month at the Food Shelf. Nine people are needed from 12:00pm – 3:30pm. The Food Shelf would not function without all of the volunteers that give of their time. Thank you for all you do to help make the Food Shelf run smoothly. ~ *June Roxstrom*




Please check the covered bulletin boards in the Entrance Hall for Letters, Events, Concerts, Meals, Fundraisers, Local Activities and News. Calendars and community resources are on the bulletin boards in the hallway.

Read Through The Bible In A Year - June

1	Isaiah 12:1-6 Acts 15-16	9	Psalm 7 Joshua 6-8	17	Psalm 15 Judges 10-12	25	Psalm 23 1 Samuel 10-12
2	Psalm 150 Acts 17-18	10	Psalm 8 Joshua 9-11	18	Psalm 16 Judges 13-15	26	Psalm 24 1 Samuel 13-15
3	Psalm 1 Acts 19-20	11	Psalm 9 Joshua 12-16	19	Psalm 17 Judges 16-18	27	Psalm 25 1 Samuel 16-18
4	Psalm 2 Acts 21-22	12	Psalm 10 Joshua 17-21	20	Psalm 18 Judges 19-21	28	Psalm 26 1 Samuel 19-21
5	Psalm 3 Acts 23-24	13	Psalm 11 Joshua 22-24	21	Psalm 19 Ruth	29	Psalm 27 1 Samuel 22-4
6	Psalm 4 Acts 25-26	14	Psalm 12 Judges 1-3	22	Psalm 20 1 Samuel 1-3	30	Isaiah 12:1-6 Samuel 25-27
7	Psalm 5 Acts 27-28	15	Psalm 13 Judges 4-6	23	Psalm 21 1 Samuel 4-6		
8	Psalm 6 Joshua 1-5	16	Psalm 14 Judges 7-9	24	Psalm 22 1 Samuel 7-9		

June 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church - 444-4441

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 PM Men of Trinity Orphan Grain Train 8:00 AM	2	3 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study 4:15 PM Confirmation	4 1:00 PM Ladies Guild	5	6
7 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study <i>Altar Circle</i>	8	9	10 12:00 PM Bemidji Area Church Musicians Recital & Luncheon 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study	11 5:30 PM Board of Elders	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Christian Singles <i>Youth Groups Serve</i>	15 1:00 PM Altar Circle 5:30 PM Men of Trinity	16	17 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study	18 9:00 AM "Happy Quilters" 6:00 PM Church Boards 7:00 PM Church Council	19	20
21 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study  <i>Men Serve</i>	22	23	24 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study	25 9:00 AM "Happy Quilters"	26	27 10:30 AM LADIES SALAD LUNCHEON
28 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study Pastor Finnern, our NW District President will be leading Worship & Bible Study <i>Ladies Guild Serves</i>	29	30	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #800000; color: white;"> <p>Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers. Proverbs 17:6 (ESV)</p> </div>			