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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 (Sept - May)

Wednesday 4:15 pm



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October

September 'LW': Storing up God's Word

August 17, 2026 / Reporter / By Rachel Bomberger



Why — and how — do we memorize Scripture?

While most Christians acknowledge the importance of storing up God's Word in their hearts (see Psalm 119:11), few understand truly why they do it or how to go about it. The September issue of The Lutheran Witness offers helpful articles on these important topics.

The Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing begins by supplying a Christ-centered biblical explanation for "why we memorize Scripture," while the Rev. Dr. Ryan Tinetti and his wife, Anne (a seasoned educator), suggest real-world "practices for learning by heart." Getting back to basics, the Rev. Mark Love offers wise guidance on "how to read the Bible" as God's Word for us.

"I'm so thankful my parents insisted on getting me to church, Sunday school and 'midweek' classes," writes LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison in the pastoral letter that opens the issue. "Thanks to my early biblical education and years of Bible study since, my head is swimming with texts, and the beautiful thing is there are always more! And because the texts bring Christ and His Gospel, there is always more Christ, more forgiveness, more comfort, more joy, more peace."

One highlight of special interest is the Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker's retrospective on "20 Years of Lutheran Service Book," in which he recalls the creation of the now beloved LCMS hymnal and reflects on the value of Lutheran hymnody for the life of faith.

"Through all of these hymns — old and new — the Word of Christ comes to dwell in us richly as we sing them, teaching and admonishing one another, with gratitude in our hearts to God (Col. 3:16)," Vieker writes. "They are the songs that accompany us from cradle to grave, through sorrow and suffering, to joy and exaltation."

Read Harrison's entire letter, browse articles from the September issue, or subscribe to the magazine at witness.lcms.org.

Group Meetings

❖ Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild will meet on Thursday, October 1st at 1:00 pm at the Church.

❖ Men of Trinity

Will meet on Monday, October 5th & October 19th at 5:30 pm at the Church.

❖ Hannah Circle

Will meet on Thursday, October 8th at 1:00 pm at the Church.

❖ Altar Circle

Will meet on Monday October 19th at 1:00 pm at the Church.

❖ Eunice Circle

Will meet on Tuesday, October 20th at 9:30 am at the Church.

❖ Christian Singles

The Christian Singles will meet for lunch on Sunday, October 11th.

❖ Happy Quilters

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



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Listen to Jesus



When it comes to your eternal destiny who do you listen too? For many it is the Buddha, Allah or perhaps the Hindu god Krishna. For others it might be a philosopher, a medium or a man like L. Ron Hubbard and his religion called Dianetics. But there is a question to ask if one listens to them, are they good for the soul or are their words dangerous to it? And if so, to whom shall we go for the words of eternal life?

The apostle Peter said this, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!" after responding to Jesus question, "Do you want to go away as well?" when He pointed to all the people walking away that rejected His claim to be the bread of life that feeds our souls with salvation. So when it comes to whom we should listen regarding our eternal destiny Peter was right on track.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, our heavenly Father reinforced this truth with Peter, James and John when He spoke from heaven regarding Jesus, saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, Listen to Him!" Our Father said to listen to Jesus because He is the Word, and in His words are life and salvation. To no other can we turn to receive the 'good news' of the Gospel that Jesus came to take all our sins into Himself so that He could carry them to His cross to take the penalty of death we deserved under God's righteous judgment for breaking His Law. And for this willing sacrifice on our behalf, God was pleased with Jesus and so He instructs us to "Listen to Him" since He is the source of God's gift of eternal life. This means that by the blood Jesus shed on Calvary, your sins and the sins of all men were forgiven, every last sin. This is the wonderful news of the Gospel!

Good news such as this, however, is often disregarded and disingenuously denied when we neglect to actually listen to Jesus. It's not hard to see this when what Jesus says is considered passé, words from by gone days that have no place in our modern culture. It's evident when men say Jesus words are to constraining to their desires and so they prefer listening to the voices of idols made of stone, as well as men that have no truth in them, whose wisdom is worldly and devoid of any power to redeem us from our sin. And so, their lifeless words become traps that keep men from hearing that God's grace is offered them freely through Christ.

The result being, many willingly deny they need Jesus forgiveness of their sins, having exchanged His truth for so many lies.

This shows up clearly in our world when what God defines as sin is no longer taught to be sin, as when the false words of men pervert the Lord's plea to, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," by saying that we no longer need to repent of anything as long as we promote love. That is to say, instead of saying, "we hate the sin, but love the sinner," the new mantra is, "love the sinner, but don't concern yourself with their sin."

To simply say this, however, is to deny that Jesus says 'sin is sin' and needs to be dealt with. It denies the reality that while Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, there is still a need for repentance, a humble turning away from sin, and an acknowledgment that sin is still damnable even when it is conceived in the heart long before it is executed by action. As the apostle John wrote, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us," but, "If we confess our sins, he [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

So I encourage you to consider to whom and what you are listening regarding your eternal destiny. Is it your conscience for example, what men teach, what idols that cannot speak say, and then listen to Jesus, compare what He says to these others, and I am sure you will find that Jesus words of grace are worth listening too concerning your eternal destiny.

~ God's blessings! Rev. Les Uhrinak

Our Church Family

Church Family Fellowship Castle Building Contest!



Thank You to Our Judges!



CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!

Also
Congratulations to

Carlos Moreno

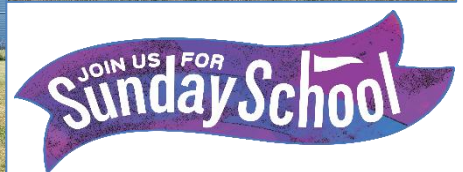
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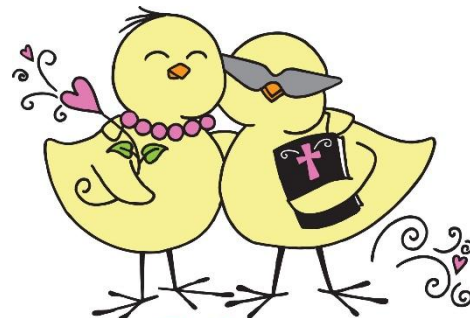
FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!

The first day of Sunday School went well. Board of Education leader, Ben Lang welcomed all students along with teachers Leah Blocker, Amy Koebke and Janet Wilson. Mike Lohse was unable to be here, but will continue to teach the youth on Sundays.

Leah, playing guitar, led us in singing a couple of new songs. Children were then dismissed to their classrooms for Bible Study and memory work. Class dismissed at 11:30AM.

We all had a quick lunch of hotdogs, beans, coleslaw and chips and immediately went outside to the playing field. A fun game of kickball was enjoyed by the young and old. God blessed us with beautiful weather and an enjoyable day of fellowship.





New Bible Study for Women



Pastor Uhrinak now leads a ladies Bible Study one Thursday evening a month.

Our first Bible Study was on September 10th.

15 ladies from our congregation attended.

After a spaghetti meal (served by Raven and Deb) at 5:30 pm we had a Bible Study on the book of 1st Timothy.

Our next Bible Study is on

October 1, 2026 at 5:30 PM

and will continue with First Timothy.

All ladies are welcome - that includes our young ladies!

Other Bible Studies at Trinity

Pastor Uhrinak leads a Bible Study at 10:30 am every Sunday after Worship.

Pastor Uhrinak leads a Bible Study every Wednesday from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Men of Trinity Meets at 5:30 pm on the first & third Mondays of each Month.

Hannah Circle Meets at 1:00 pm on the second Thursday of each Month.

Eunice Circle Meets at 9:30 am on the third Tuesday of each Month.

Give Thanks with Music



Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!

What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!

Activity Page



A Family of Prayer

Acts tells us about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman soldier who worshiped God and prayed with his family. God used Cornelius to help Peter learn an important truth: God welcomes everyone who loves Him and does what is right.

Solve the math problems using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter for each answer. Write each letter on the blank to discover what Cornelius and his family did.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY

a = 7 e = 8
i = 10 o = 9
u = 11 y = 6

"He nd ll h s f m l

A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w r d v t nd

A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

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B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

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A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

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A+C A+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D

r g l rl ." cts 10:2, NIV

A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV



News & Announcements



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR PASTOR!

Join us for a potluck on
Sunday, October 11th after Bible Study
to celebrate Pastor Uhrinak



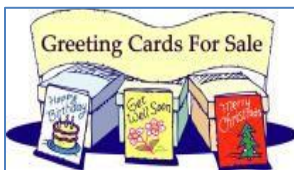
Updates to the Prayer Chain

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
October – December 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!



Do you enjoy making music?

***If you can count, we can teach
you to play hand bells.***

We meet on Tuesday nights at 6PM.
Please call Debbie at 218-766-5325.
Our first meeting will be on Sept. 8th.
Come and join the bell choir to Ring Praises to the Lord.

Lutheran Island Camp Upcoming Events



Fall Adventure October 16th – 18th

Summer camp may be over, but camp isn't quite finished yet. If you found yourself wishing for just one more weekend at Lutheran Island Camp, Fall Adventure Camp is for you. Held over MEA weekend, this camp follows a schedule similar to our Classic Camp and offers another opportunity to enjoy many of the activities that make summer at camp so memorable.

Spend the weekend making friends, enjoying favorite camp activities, gathering for chapel and campfires, and experiencing the beauty of the Island in the fall. It's a chance to slow down, reconnect, and spend a few more days growing in faith while enjoying the fun and community of camp.

Whether you joined us this summer or are looking for your first camp experience, Fall Adventure Camp is a wonderful way to experience Lutheran Island Camp in a different season and make a few more camp memories before winter arrives.

Maplewood Horse Adventure October 23rd – 24th

Experience the beauty of autumn from the saddle during our Maplewood Horse Retreat for adults ages 18 and older. We'll spend the weekend enjoying scenic rides through Maplewood State Park, where we hope to catch Minnesota's fall colors at their peak. The horses will meet us at Maplewood on Saturday, allowing us to enjoy a full day on the trails before returning to Lutheran Island Camp each evening.

Unlike last year, you'll end the day in a warm bed back at camp while still enjoying all the adventure and beauty that make this retreat so special. Along with horseback riding, there will be time for fellowship, campfires, devotions, and quiet moments to enjoy God's creation during one of the most beautiful seasons of the year.

Whether you're an experienced rider or simply looking for a peaceful fall getaway with fellow horse lovers, this retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to slow down, reconnect, and enjoy the changing season from horseback.

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!



Monthly Receipts/Expenses

August 2026

General Fund Deposits

\$29,921.62

Interest Receipts

\$12.96

Adjustments

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 29,934.58

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES

\$19,109.89

Monthly +/-

OVERAGE/SHORTAGE

+ \$10,824.69

October Birthdays and Anniversaries at Trinity Lutheran Church

1	Ethan Frank	23	Sharon Kroeger
7	Bill Cloose, John Quaderer	24	Julie Bock, Deanna Kubitz, Debbie Oelrich, Rev. Robert Wentzel
8	Joanna Blocker	25	Lynette Perrault
9	Diane Dappen, Collin Hoyt, Lily Quint	28	Margaret Lohse
10	Ian Vander Hoeven	30	Keean Davis
11	Audrey Arndt, Linda Domke, Carol Sorensen Ed & Carolyn Eichstadt (68)	31	Sarah Lohse
12	Mary Krueger		
17	Glenn Kangas		
18	Mark Tisler		
20	Jenny Haas		



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 you 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:
TrinityBemidji.org



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 - October

1	Jonah 2:2-9 Jeremiah 32-34	9	Psalm 119:17-24 Lamentations 3-5	17	Psalm 119:81-88 Ezekiel 22-24	25	Psalm 119:145-152 Ezekiel 46-48
2	Psalm 114 Jeremiah 35-37	10	Psalm 119:25-32 Ezekiel 1-3	18	Psalm 119:89-96 Ezekiel 25-27	26	Psalm 119:153-160 Daniel 1-3
3	Psalm 115 Jeremiah 38-40	11	Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 4-6	19	Psalm 119:97-104 Ezekiel 28-30	27	Psalm 119:161-168 Daniel 4-6
4	Psalm 116 Jeremiah 41-43	12	Psalm 119:41-48 Ezekiel 7-9	20	Psalm 119:105-112 Ezekiel 31-33	28	Psalm 119:169-176 Daniel 7-9
5	Psalm 117 Jeremiah 44-47	13	Psalm 119:49-56 Ezekiel 10-12	21	Psalm 119:113-120 Ezekiel 34-36	29	Psalm 120 Daniel 10-12
6	Psalm 118 Jeremiah 48-50	14	Psalm 119:57-64 Ezekiel 13-15	22	Psalm 119:121-128 Ezekiel 37-39	30	Psalm 121 Hosea 1-4
7	Psalm 119:1-8 Jeremiah 51-52	15	Psalm 119:65-72 Ezekiel 16-18	23	Psalm 119:129-136 Ezekiel 40-42	31	Jonah 2:2-9 Hosea 5-7
8	Psalm 119:9-16 Lamentations 1-2	16	Psalm 119:73-80 Ezekiel 19-21	24	Psalm 119:137-144 Ezekiel 43-45		

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