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Hymn of the Month “Joyful is the Dark” ACS #1096

Joyful is the dark, holy, hidden God, rolling cloud of night beyond all naming: majesty in darkness, energy of love, Word in flesh, the mystery proclaiming.

Joyful is the dark, Spirit of the deep, winging wildly o’er the world’s creation, silken sheen of midnight plumage black and bright, swooping with the beauty of a rave.

We Pray For

We pray for Barb Kunkel; Carla Boggs; Barb Allner; Diane Riediger; Bill Nagel; Ed Kunkel; those in addictions/recovery; all who are grieving; victims of extreme weather and natural disasters, violence and domestic abuse.

For those battling cancer: Jayme Webb –breast cancer.

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From the Pastor

“I WILL BLESS YOU [...] SO THAT YOU WILL BE A BLESSING.”
GENESIS 12:2 NRSVUE

Dear Siblings in Christ,

November has begun. It is a month of thanksgiving; it is a month of remembering. The month begins with All Saint's Day; a day we remember those saints who have gone before us and the saints who still walk with us. We will celebrate the Saint's on Sunday November 2nd. In the Catholic tradition, November 2nd is All Soul's Day, where all who have died are remembered. In Mexican culture, November 2nd is the last day in the festival known as Día de los Muertos. This multi-day celebration remembers our loved ones who have died.

Our month begins with remembering and giving thanks for the faithful examples of those who have died, those who have traveled with us, and those who have been a blessing in our lives.

Our month ends with Thanksgiving, where we gather with friends and family around tables to give thanks for all the gifts God has given us. And God has truly blessed us even in difficult and uncertain times, God is with us, surrounding us with love and mercy.

God has blessed us with so much, but these gifts were not meant just for those whom they are given. God blesses us, to bless others. The verse at the top of this letter comes from the call of Abram. God tells Abram that he is being blessed, that his name will be made great, that nations will come from him, so that Abram will be a blessing to the whole world.

If we choose to look around us, it isn't hard to find neighbors in our community and neighbors far away that are suffering, who are in need. We have been blessed to be a blessing. In this world with suffering and need, we have been blessed, not only for ourselves, but to assist and care for our neighbor. Whatever gifts we have been given, ourselves, our time, our wealth, and privilege, can be used to be a blessing for others.

In the coming weeks, we will likely see the need in our community increase. As needs arise, my prayer is that individually and as a congregation, as a community of faith, we can find ways to answer the needs. There are some changes coming to our normal holiday giving. Gloria has a note in this month's newsletter talking about those changes.

I give thanks for all the many ways you all serve the congregation and community.

Blessings and Peace,
Rev Ed.

Birthdays

1 - Blake Morgan
4 - Kim Koehler
 T.J. Wilcke
7 - Diane Riediger
8 - Keaton Krieg
 Taylor Ploen
12 - Trisha Jackson
 Mary Ann Jensen
 Sara Malm
 Shannon Nelson
13 - Trish Healy
14 - Cody Christiansen
16 - Kaleb Brosamle
 Mary Malm
 Gene Wink
17 - Ruth Chartier
 Joe Phillips
 Jeff Powell
 Laurie Schmidt
21 - Cody Kennedy
22 - Susan Christiansen
 Mark Kennedy
23 - Scott Rumohr
24 - Annette Alfredson
 Jeani Ringkob
26 - Alan Koehler
29 - Colby Gilbert

Anniversaries

2 - Chad & Rebecca Brockhaus
6 - Rodney & Stefani Lindgren
9 - Roger & Susan Christiansen
12 - Matt & Ann Rogers
15 - Jeremy & Megan Cross

Thank you!

October Worship Assistants
-Ruth Chartier for playing beautiful music for us during worship
-Everyone who participated in our Intergenerational Worship
-All the KidZone Volunteers!!
-Pastor Ed for everything he does (it is more than you think!)

November Worship Assistants

Organist: Ruth Chartier
Altar Guild: Cindy & Gail Ploen
Scripture Reader: Denny Bain
Offertory Accountants: Rebecca Brockhaus & Gloria Healy
Tech Assistant: Kari Collins

What's going on at TLC?

Intergenerational Worship

Trinity hosted another Intergenerational Worship this past month. It was a great opportunity for the children to watch and take ownership over the worship service. Thanks to all who participated.



Lutheran World Relief Kits

Representatives from 16 churches braved the rain to send quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries.

We sent:

790 Quilts, 208 Baby Care Kits, 47 Fabric Kits, 326 Personal Care Kits, 611 School Kits, 4 Blankets, 60 Rolled Bandages, 6 Hospice Kits, 54 Newborn Kits, 160 Pillow Cases, 32 Twin Sheets

Trinity Lutheran Church helped contribute to these numbers with our record high of

60 personal care kits, 63 school kits, 4 quilts

Community Thanksgiving Worship



Moville Ministerial invites you to come and worship November 23rd at 5pm. This year's community Thanksgiving Worship will be held at Immaculate Conception Church with Rev Ed Pease (Trinity Lutheran) preaching.

What's going on at TLC?

Retirement of Rev. David Halaas

St. Mark Lutheran Church invites you to a community open house
in honor of Pastor David Halaas.

Sunday, November 23 (his final Sunday before retirement),

12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

A special program will be held at 12:30 p.m.

5200 Glenn Avenue, Sioux City

KidZone Christmas Program

KidZone will be having their Christmas program on Sunday, December 14 at 9:00am. Following the program there will be a breakfast hosted by the Men's Group in the church basement.

If you plan on your child attending please email the church (tlchurchmville@gmail.com) or contact Sadie (712-251-6457).

Giving Tree

Giving Tree—will have a slightly different look this year.

There will still be a Giving Tree, but with fewer names.

We will be receiving 10 children's names with wish list from LSI to be wrapped in gift bags

We will be receiving 10-12 children's names from Woodbury Central School with wish list to be wrapped.

However, CAA will not be providing names this year. The decision was made to provide a list of Most In Need Items—

i.e. winter coats, shoes/boots, gloves/hats, socks, clothing, etc.

We will collect the items similar to our Easter egg project.

These items will be taken to CAA, and they'll distribute to those in need.

A complete list of the items needed can be found on the back page of the newsletter or at church.

Thank you. Looking forward to another season of holiday blessing

Any questions, contact Gloria Healy.

TLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church

Date: Sunday, September 14, 2025

Present: Roger Christiansen, Lynn Morgan, Deb Wilcke, Denny Bain, Jill Stratton, Nick Wahlberg, Liz Wahlberg, Gloria Healy, Pastor Ed

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Deb Wilcke at 10:20AM.

Opening: Prayer

Pastor's Report

Announce:

- Synod / ELCA updates
- Scott Dalen will be installed as Bishop on Sept. 27th at St. John's in Council Bluffs.
- Yehiel Curry will be installed as Presiding Bishop on Oct. 4th at Central Lutheran in Minneapolis.

Discuss/Follow-Up:

- Church building / Parsonage
 - Shed on Parsonage property needs a ramp
 - Parsonage was power washed - Casey Crawford - \$321
 - No functioning phone in the elevator
 - Needs a new junction box (Wiatel)
 - Certain people are on the Wiatel account, Blake Stratton & Rebecca Brockhaus.
 - Add Corey Steffen (trustee) and Lynn Morgan - request should be written on church letterhead by President Blake Stratton
 - Church Directory Update - Instant Church Directory is up and going!
 - Erica Christiansen available to take pictures on Sept. 27th & Oct. 5 from 4-7
 - Instant Church Directory- code from email, can decide what you want to share, options, etc
 - Packages start at about \$50
 - Online version can be updated
- Confirmation 2025-2026 - there is a sign up sheet on the ushers table for adult volunteers to attend
- Snow removal - Pastor Ed & Roger have it under control :)
- Does the elevator inspection align with the insurance policy? Previously, the council had voted to have inspections 2 times per year but we've been billed for 3?

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Trinity Lutheran Church

- This led to the conversation of who knows / how do we know if / when they are at the church? It is understood that our “vendors” (organ, elevator, etc) possibly have keys to the building?
 - Can we identify a list of outside vendors who have keys?
 - Is it acceptable to request they be returned and someone is contacted when they plan to be in the building?
 - If keys aren’t returned, we should change locks on the main door.
- Altar Guild - the Christmas Trees / decorations used in the front of the church are 17+ years old. Is it possible to do a fundraiser so they can be replaced? (See motion in decide)
- Gloria Healy reported on God’s Work Our Hands Sunday: 60 personal care kits, 60 school kits, tied 1 quilt. Giving Tree season is approaching; LSI, Community Action Agency, and possibly locally (WC school)? Thank you to all you continue to support!

Decide:

- Motion made by Pastor Ed, seconded by Roger Christiansen, to approve the altar guild having a fundraiser to raise money for new Christmas trees/decorations. The motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Roger Christiansen, seconded by Denny Bain, to approve August Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Denny Bain, seconded by Roger Christiansen, to approve August Treasurer’s Report. The motion passed unanimously.
- October Council Meeting is set for October 5th following worship.

Adjourn : Motion made by Denny Bain, seconded by Roger Christiansen, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:10AM.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Stratton, Council Secretary

NOVEMBER

2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|---|----------|--------|----------|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 SOUP & PIE LUNCHEON | 3 | 4 | 5 1:00 PM SEWING GROUP 3:30 PM KIDZONE 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 COUNCIL MEETING 10:15 AM | 10 | 11 | 12 1:00 PM SEWING GROUP 3:30 PM KIDZONE 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 1:00 PM SEWING GROUP 3:30 PM KIDZONE 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 1:00 PM SEWING GROUP | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Most in Need Items:

Winter coats sizes 2T – 8

Toddler/Children's shoes and/or boots size 7 – 12

Socks

Gloves and hats

Children's clothing sizes 12 months - 7

Underwear (same sizes)

Nonperishable food

Cleaning supplies (laundry detergent & dish soap)

Personal hygiene items (shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and paste, etc.)

Diapers (up to size 6)

Wipes

Pack N Play or cribs

Cash Donations

Clothing can be gently used, as some children outgrow shoes, coats, clothing before they wear it out.