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BE A *Light*

Our Loved Ones Potluck

Sunday Nov. 1 at 11:30am

This Sunday, we gather to celebrate those we love whom we have lost. Bring a favorite dish, treat, or drink to share in memory of a loved one, and join us at 11:30am in the Trinity Commons. Place cards will be available for you to write the name of the person your dish represents along with the name of the dish. All are welcome as we come together to remember and celebrate.

Gathering Preview

A celebration of music, dancing, poetry, worship, and storytelling

Join us for a taste of the upcoming 2027 Youth Gathering!

Wednesday
November 4th

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Trinity Lutheran
213 8th Street South
Moorhead, MN

IMAGINE more

Join Us Wednesday, November 4: Gathering Preview

The Gathering Preview is a celebration of music, dancing, poetry, worship, and storytelling. Agape, Joe Davis and Rachel Kurtz will lead the night, giving us a taste of the upcoming 2027 Youth Gathering. Bring your family and friends, and come ready to sing, move, and be inspired!

From the President

Hello Trinity Friends!

By the time you are reading this, we will be in the heart of our season focusing on generosity, as we begin the journey into a new year and make faith-filled plans for Trinity Lutheran Church in 2027.

I have been, and continue to be, blown away by the spirit and energy at Trinity this fall. On October 4—that one single day—we welcomed 26 new members AND had two baptisms welcoming two more! We believe everyone has a place here, and I loved so very much being able to see that in action and hear from some of those new members about why they feel so welcomed. What a cool day to see!

These people, and hundreds of others, are moved by all the ways this congregation continues to spread God's love. Prayer groups, Bible studies, clothing drives, food pantries, voting assistance, youth gatherings, potlucks, grief support... you can find all of this at Trinity. Our Mission Plan—YOUR giving—funds the work we do together. And it's something to behold. So, I hope as you read the materials surrounding our generosity season, you're thinking about all the ways your time and resources truly matter.

Please remember the flexibility available in your giving. If your family is like mine, expenses can ebb and flow at different times in the year. Fitting your giving to your budget is easier when we plan ahead, knowing that gifts at any time help to sustain the ministry here. Whether it means an annual lump sum, a quarterly gift, or a weekly contribution, it all works, and it ALL has an impact.

If you're wondering about our generosity theme—"For Such a Time as This"—I hope you'll join us in some conversations about that over the next few weeks. Your church council and rostered leaders are available for your questions. If you're wondering how to set up auto-giving for a set monthly amount, please talk to us. If you're wondering how to support a specific ministry or outreach, please talk to us. If you have questions about legacy giving, or how to remember Trinity in your estate plan, please talk to us. If you're wondering about who we are and what we do, this is a GREAT time to find out! This place gives me goosebumps (in a good way), and such a time as this is a real opportunity to share it together.

I absolutely cannot list every fun event coming up, but I'll highlight just a couple in early November. Please join us for "Our Loved Ones" potluck on All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and for a lively and fun worship service (sure to include music to move the soul) on Wednesday, Nov. 4, with Agape, Joe Davis, and Rachel Kurtz. The Holy Spirit is alive at Trinity!

God bless, and thank you all for shining your lights!

Shannon Parvey, Council President

From the Desk of Pastor Rebel

For Such a Time as This: Generosity Questions & Answers

We have already received a large number of commitment cards back! **AMAZING! THANK YOU! Together, we are up to some really good ministry!** What a wonderful response to our generosity invitation!

I've also received a few questions along the way and thought answering them in the Messenger might be helpful for everyone. After all, communication is kind!

Q: Should I mail in my commitment card or bring it with me on Commitment Sunday, November 22nd?

A: Both work! Depending on your schedule and whether you plan to worship in person or online on November 22nd, please choose what works best for you and your family.

You are welcome to mail your commitment card in advance or bring it with you to worship on Commitment Sunday, November 22nd. If you've already mailed your card but would still like to participate in that special moment during worship, our hosts will have cards available for you to pick up with your bulletins. We want everyone to be included in this celebration of generosity!

Q: What is the difference between a Mission Plan and a budget?

A: Technically, they are the same thing! But at Trinity, we intentionally use the words *Mission Plan* because our financial decisions are about much more than numbers on a page.

A budget tells us where the money goes. **A Mission Plan reminds us why it matters.** Behind every dollar is ministry happening, people being cared for, children growing in faith, worship being shared, relationships being built, and the light of Christ reaching into downtown Moorhead and beyond. Our Mission Plan is

how we put our faith and our calling into action!

Q: Why does my commitment card only ask about giving to the Mission Plan? What about the additional gifts I give for special offerings?

A: Great question! Your commitment to the Mission Plan supports the ongoing, everyday ministry of Trinity. That includes worship, Wednesday School ministries, care ministries, outreach, and maintaining this wonderful place where we gather, grow in faith, build relationships, and from which we are sent out to share the love of Christ. That is why our annual generosity campaign focuses on the Mission Plan. These commitments help us plan faithfully for the ministry we share throughout the year.

Special offerings, gifts that support global mission, preschool, youth and relationship-building experiences, and contributions are needed and appreciated. These are opportunities to give above and beyond your Mission Plan commitment. We keep them separate so we can responsibly plan for Trinity's ongoing ministries while continuing to support the special opportunities that make Trinity such a wonderful place to be church together.

Q: I already give electronically. Do I still need to fill out a commitment card?

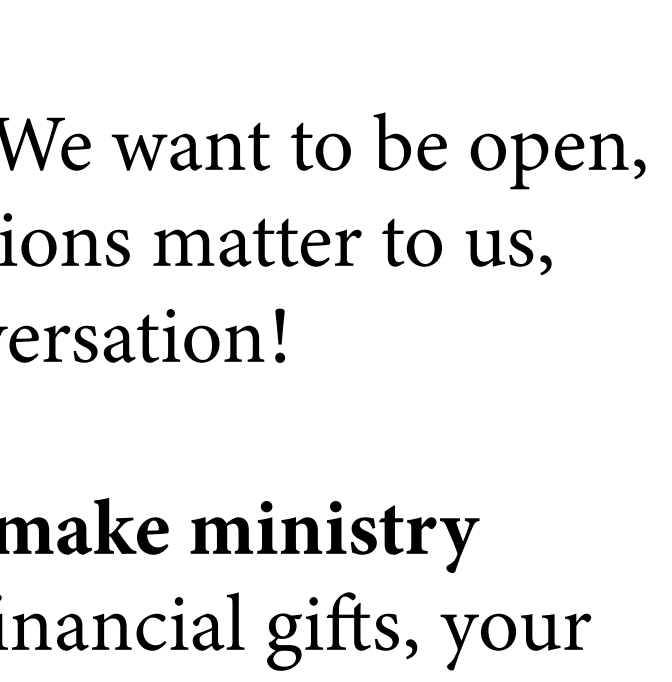
A: We would love for you to! Even if your giving is already set up automatically, sharing your intended commitment helps Trinity plan faithfully for the coming year. It isn't asking you to give twice or change the way you give. It simply helps us understand the financial support we can anticipate as we plan for ministry in 2027. And if your circumstances change during the year, we understand that too!

Have more questions? Please ask! We want to be open, transparent, and helpful. Your questions matter to us, and we're always glad to have a conversation!

Thank you for the many ways you make ministry possible at Trinity. Through your financial gifts, your time, your talents, and the countless acts of kindness and care, both seen and unseen, you are making a difference every day. All of it matters, and all of it is part of the ministry we share! Thank you!

In Christ's mission together,

Pr. Rebel



Light Groups

It's November, a month we celebrate the Saints and loved ones who have gone before us; a month we gather to give thanks for people and happenings in life; a month that holds more overcast days than sunny ones, it seems; a month of birthdays and death days and every experience in between. You can see all the Light Group opportunities to gather and share in relationships, serving and experiences with others. This is what helps us give of ourselves and helps us grow in love and understanding for others. Psalm 36:7-9 so beautifully reminds us to give thanks for the light of God's presence in and with us in all that our lives hold:

7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
8 They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
9 For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

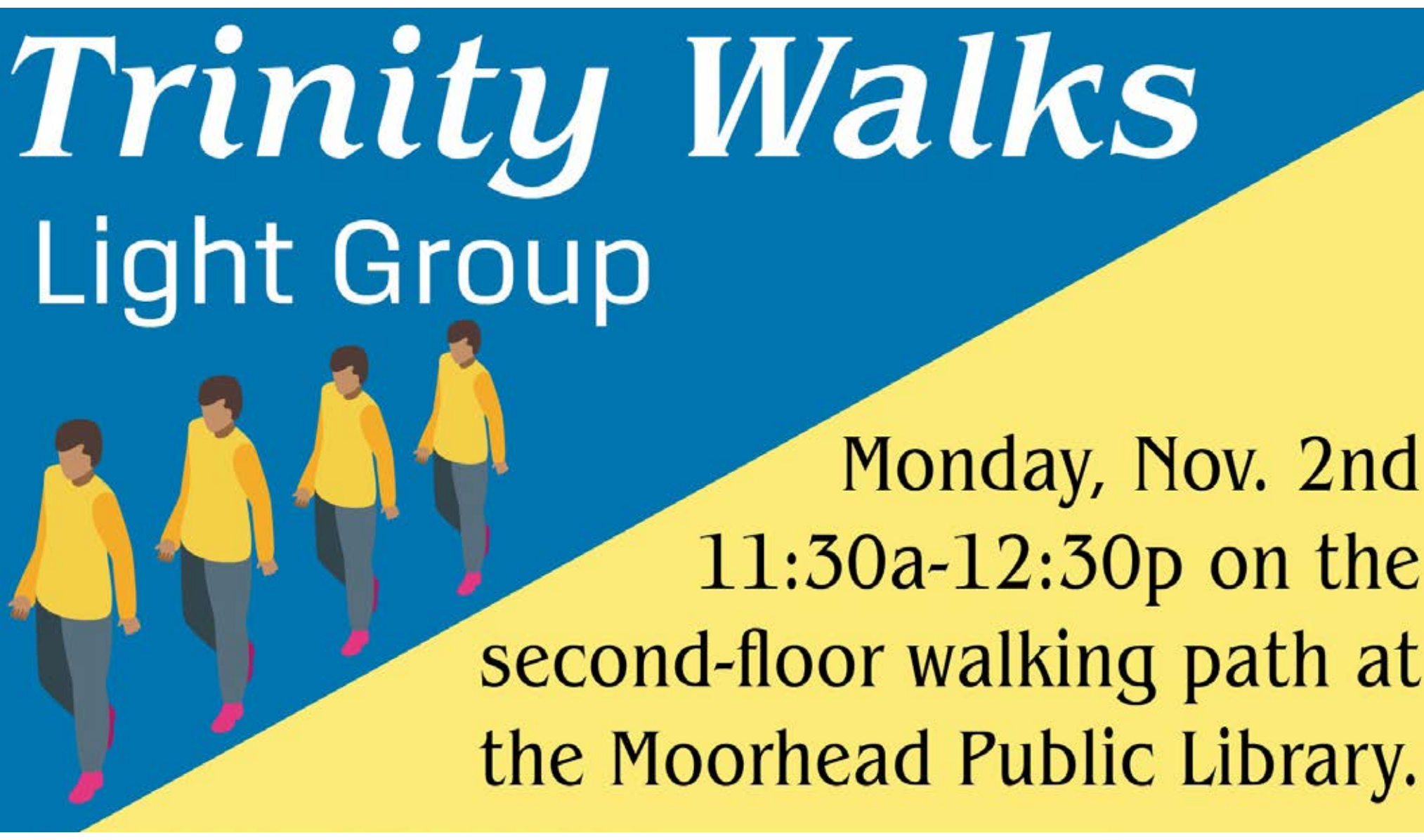
I hope you will join in any or all of the Light Group opportunities this November. Together we can "Be a Light!"

"Our Loved Ones Potluck" Nov. 1
at 11:30am in the Trinity Commons

Please join us in celebrating those we love whom we have lost. Please bring a favorite dish, treat, or drink to share in memory of a loved one to our potluck on Sunday, November 1st at 11:30am in the Trinity Commons. Whether homemade or store-bought, or you just want to join in celebrating a loved one who has passed away, All are welcome!

Coming in January: Grief Support Group meets Jan. 10 at 1pm in the Conference Room. Details coming in the December Messenger

Trinity Walks November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 -
11:30am-12:30pm Moorhead Library
Every Monday, beginning Nov. 2, from 11:30am-12:30pm, we'll meet at the Moorhead Library on their beautiful walking path on the second floor. There is an elevator or stairs. As we walk together, we'll tend to our health and our spirits. Walk for all or part of the time. Each week, someone will be the point person. If you would like to be a point person on one of the weeks, contact Deacon Kathy – kathy@trinitymhd.org



Caregivers Support Group November 11 –
at 10:30am in Christian Life Center Classrooms
Whether you are caring for a spouse, parent, child, friend or other loved one, you are invited to join and connect with others who can understand, share experiences and resources, find encouragement, and take a little time to care for yourself. Contact leader Renee Lerfald with questions: rdlerf@midco.net; or Deacon Kathy Hunstad, kathy@trinitymhd.org

Trinity Fellowship Adventures (TFA)
on Saturday, November 21 at 7:30pm
Join Trinity at Moorhead High School Theater's production of "Grease." It will be a great opportunity to see the talented ensemble perform in the new theater. Sign up and pay $15 by Nov. 17 OR as soon as possible to ensure your spot using the following link: https://www.vancoevents.com/us/DZTD

Concordia Christmas Concert – December 6 at 2pm

Join a Trinity group to attend the 100th annual Concordia Christmas Concert at 2pm on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6th. This year's concert theme, "Child of Promise, Shine Through Us!" will feature more than 400 student musicians. It is sure to be a special concert! We have reserved seats on the floor. The cost is $27 and includes one ticket and round-trip (schoolbus) transportation from Trinity. The bus will load in the 8th Street parking lot at 1:15pm.

Sign up and pay by Dec. 1st OR as soon as possible to ensure your spot. Reserve your ticket now using the following link to sign up and pay: https://www.vancoevents.com/us/DZTC

Questions? Call the church office or email Deacon Kathy - kathy@trinitymhd.org.

Light Group Highlights for November

- **11/1- "Our Loved Ones Potluck"- Trinity Commons**
- **11/3&4- Quilters- 9am-2:30pm Fellowship Hall**
- **11/3&17- Knitting & More- 1-3pm Trinity Commons**
- **11/8-LIFT- College Age Group- 10-11am CLC Classrooms**
- **11/10- Cost & Joy of Discipleship- 7-8pm, Conference Room**
- **11/11- Caregiver Support Group- 10:30-11:30am, CLC Classrooms**
- **11/12- Sparklers- 10-11am, Conference Room**
- **11/21- TFA to "Grease" at Moorhead High School Theater- 7:30pm**
- **12/6- TFA to Concordia Christmas Concert- 1:15pm**

Concordia Christmas Preview

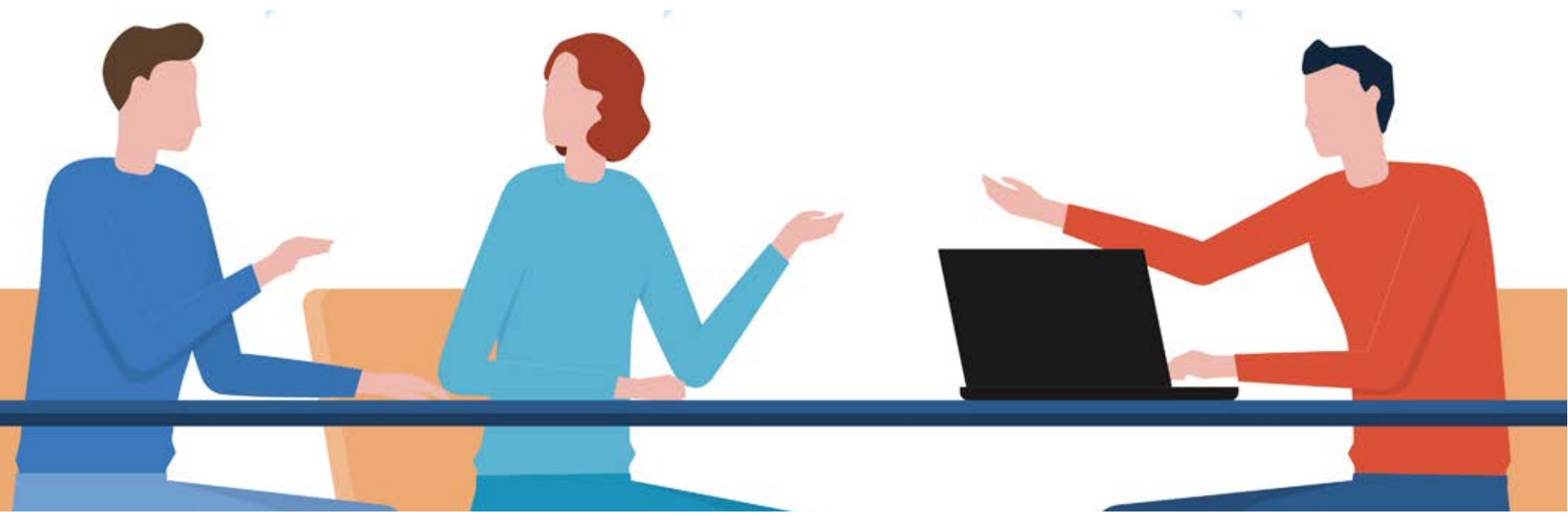
November 29th During Coffee Fellowship

On Sunday, November 29th Concordia Christmas Concert Artistic Director, Michael Culloton, and muralist, Paul Johnson, will join our fellowship time at 10am in the Conference Room. You will be able to learn about what is going into making the 100th anniversary year particularly exciting! Please plan to stop in and visit on Sunday Nov. 29th for this special opportunity.

Sparklers Meeting

November 12th in the Conference Room

Who are the Sparklers? Our group supports Trinity Preschool in many ways—expressing appreciation to teachers, giving funds for classroom materials beyond the budget, raising scholarship dollars, volunteering with children. If you'd like to help with upcoming projects, please join us on November 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.



Global Blessings Meeting

November 22nd in the Conference Room

The Global Blessings Light Group will meet on Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We have some great projects coming up: Poinsettias with a Purpose; Mission Sunday; Quilts, Shawls, and Infant Caps Blessing Sunday; Lutheran World Relief personal care kit project. Please come and help—new members always welcome!

Great Plains Food Distribution this Winter

First Distribution is Nov. 30th

Trinity Lutheran Church is proud to partner with the Great Plains Food Bank and our neighbors at the United Church of Christ Church across the street for another community Food Distribution Event!

If you or someone you know could use a helping hand with accessible food support, please join us:

When: Monday, November 30th
Time: Distribution begins at 4 p.m.
Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 213 8th Street South, Moorhead, MN 56560

Together, we're working to ensure that everyone in our community has access to nourishing food. Spread the word, and come be part of this important effort!

International Potluck

A Concordia & Trinity Community Event!

Share a dish, share a story, and get to know your neighbors! Join Concordia students, community members, and Trinity friends on **Tuesday, November 17, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.**

Bring a favorite dish that reflects your culture, family traditions, or simply something you love to cook. Gather around the table to enjoy flavors from near and far and celebrate the many traditions in our community!

PIGSKINS, PUZZLES & POTLUCK

Sunday, November 15

11:30am • After CLC worship

Watch the game, work on a puzzle, share some delicious food, or enjoy all three!

Watch

Vikings vs. Packers at noon

Puzzle

Bring your favorite puzzle to share

Potluck

Bring your favorite fall tailgate dish

Confirmation Food Drive

Trinity's confirmation students were inspired to Be A Light and decided to respond to the hunger needs of our community.

You are invited to fill a paper bag with food and bring it to Trinity's Thanksgiving Eve service in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25th.

If you need to drop off your items earlier, contact the church office to make arrangements: 218-236-1333.

Current needs are...
Sugar, Oil, Spices, Rice, Pasta, Tomato Products, Canned Vegetables/Fruits (with pop tops), Canned Soup (with pop tops), Canned Tuna and Chicken (with pop tops), Boxed Meals, Tuna Kits, Cup o' Soup, Applesauce, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Soap

If you'd like to make a financial donation supporting the Food Pantry's fresh milk and eggs, please use the QR code or visit our website's donation page.

Thank you for helping our confirmation students respond to God's call for them to Be a Light in downtown Moorhead!

Worship In November

9:00am Sunday: Sanctuary/Online
10:30am Sunday: Christian Life Center/Online
6:30pm Wednesday: Christian Life Center

Week of Nov. 1st - *Matthew 5:1-12*

Festival of All Saints

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Week of Nov. 8th - *Matthew 25:1-13*

Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Week of Nov. 15th - *Matthew 25:14-30*

Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Sunday Nov. 22nd - *Matthew 25:31-46*

Festival of Christ the King

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Wednesday Nov. 25th

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie

Join us on the eve of Thanksgiving as we gather to give thanks and to be a light. Worship is a time of prayer, song, and gratitude for the gifts of this past year. Afterward, stay for pie and fellowship in the Trinity Commons. Come for worship, linger for dessert, and bring a friend or family member.

Sunday Nov. 29th - *Mark 13:24-37*

First Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

Our Thanksgiving Gift

At the Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 25, an offering will be gathered to support the life-giving ministry of ELCA World Hunger Fund. This fund supports work with partners in more than 60 countries to relieve hunger and poverty. God provides daily bread; together we help ensure it reaches every table, with compassion, courage, and faithful action. How might your household gather a gift to support this ministry in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving?

BE A Light

Youth At Trinity

What a wonderful time of year it is!

November is the season of gratefulness. And this month I am extremely grateful. I am grateful for the beautiful weather we have been having this fall. I'm grateful for a warm building that we get to use. I'm grateful for gathering on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings are full of bright smiling faces, hugs from littles, and worship experiences that keep me grounded.

I'm grateful for time spent with teenagers, meeting them where they are, walking alongside them, and getting to know them better. I'm grateful for the nineteen 10th grade students who affirmed their baptisms and decided that they want to continue their relationship with God. I'm grateful for the youth who adventured with me to get lost in the corn maze together, and to all the FIFsters who carved pumpkins! These nights are always such a blast, and a great relationship-building time. I'm grateful for it all, and I'm looking forward to this next month. In November, FIF will be making meals for those who need a little extra love – in the form of food. We all know that food insecurity is real and people are hungry.

So, we are pulling our resources together and creating meals. Alongside this, confirmation will be handing out grocery bags and collecting food for various food banks around Moorhead. We'll also hang onto some of this food for people who seek out Trinity for some nourishment to keep them fed. I am grateful for a church that sees a need and makes sure that we do something about it.

November will also bring some fun! I am excited to host Agape, Joe Davis and Rachel Kurtz to our church on Wednesday, Nov 4. The energy they bring to our worship service is always joy-filled and makes you get up, dance, and dig a little deeper into your faith. We will also gather JIFers together (7th & 8th graders) to partake in another fun night and shenanigans here at Trinity. I look forward to this month here at Trinity!

Blessings,
Crystal

Congratulations, Confirmands!

We celebrate the nineteen young men and women who affirmed their baptisms at confirmation this year! Your faith, curiosity, and courage have been a gift to our congregation. As you continue to grow in God's love, we pray that you will always be a light. Congratulations, and know that Trinity is cheering you on!

JIF 7-8 GRADE 2026-27 EVENTS

RSVP ONLINE TO EVENTS

Nov 7th
Fun Night @ Trinity

Jan 10th
Bowling @ Sunset Lanes 6-8pm

March 13th
Lockin @ Trinity 7pm-9am

April 24th
Movie Night @ 7

FIF 9-12 GRADE 2026-27 EVENTS

JOIN OUR GROUPME

Dec 12th - Fun Night @ Trinity 6-10pm

Feb 13th - Lock In 6pm-8am

April 28th - Sunset Lanes

FIF meets Wednesdays 7:45-9pm
join us for games, pumpkin carving, cookie decorating, service projects, board games, and so much more
1st Wednesday of each month
-ice cream night

Children's Ministry

Wednesday School Continues!

Join us this November!

November is a season of gratitude, and we have a lot to be thankful for in our kids and families. Here's what's happening this month and into early December.

Agape and Friends - Wednesday, Nov. 4

Kick off the month with Agape and friends! Come ready for a fun and meaningful evening with our children.

Wednesday School Kids Sing & Second Grade Generosity Milestone - Wednesday, Nov. 11

Our Wednesday School children will share their voices in song, and we'll celebrate our second graders as they reach their Generosity Milestone. Learning to give with joyful hearts is a big part of what it means to Be a Light, and we're proud of how these kids are growing in generosity. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to come cheer them on.

Noisy Offering - Sunday, Nov. 22

Get ready for some joyful noise! Our kids will lead the offering at both services, and we'd love for you to be there to support them if you can. All donations will benefit the children and youth of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Wednesday, Nov. 25

Join us at 6:30pm for a wonderful worship service on the eve of Thanksgiving. All children are invited to help carry food donations into the sanctuary, a beautiful way for our youngest members to share their gifts with others. Bring your family and a friend, and stay for pie and fellowship after worship!

Kindergarten Bibles & Advent Program Rehearsals Begin - Wednesday, Dec. 2

Our kindergartners will receive their very own Bibles, a special step in their faith journey. Wednesday school children will also begin rehearsing for this year's Advent program.

Mark Your Calendar for the Children's Christmas Worship

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 19, 10am-12pm

Worship Service: Sunday, December 20, 10:30am in the Sanctuary

Listening Prayer

A Listening Prayer group will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd and November 10th at 7:30am for 45 minutes. The time together will include prayerfully listening to a scripture reading and having a time of silence for contemplation. All are welcome to drop in on these Tuesdays to try this spiritual practice. We will meet in the Conference Room.

This offering is led by Michelle Johnson. Michelle received a two-year certificate in Spiritual Direction from Christos Center for Spiritual Formation and is currently on staff with Christos. Michelle loves to create quiet spaces that offer others a way to deepen their walk with God. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please contact Michelle at johnsonmj1104@gmail.com or 612-419-5992.

Pastoral Acts September 2026

Funerals:
Murphie Mae Evavold
Gary Lundquist
Robin Barth

Baptism:
Xayvion Albert Yak

Wednesday Night Meals

Join us for Dinner!

Wednesday nights at Trinity are delicious! Chef Paul is cooking fresh, homemade meals each week, so come hungry.

When: Wednesdays, 5:30–6:25 pm
Where: Trinity Commons

Gather with friends and family for a good meal before worship and our Wednesday evening activities. Each week's main entrée will have a vegetarian option, and pizza is always available too.

Pull up a chair. We'll save you a seat!

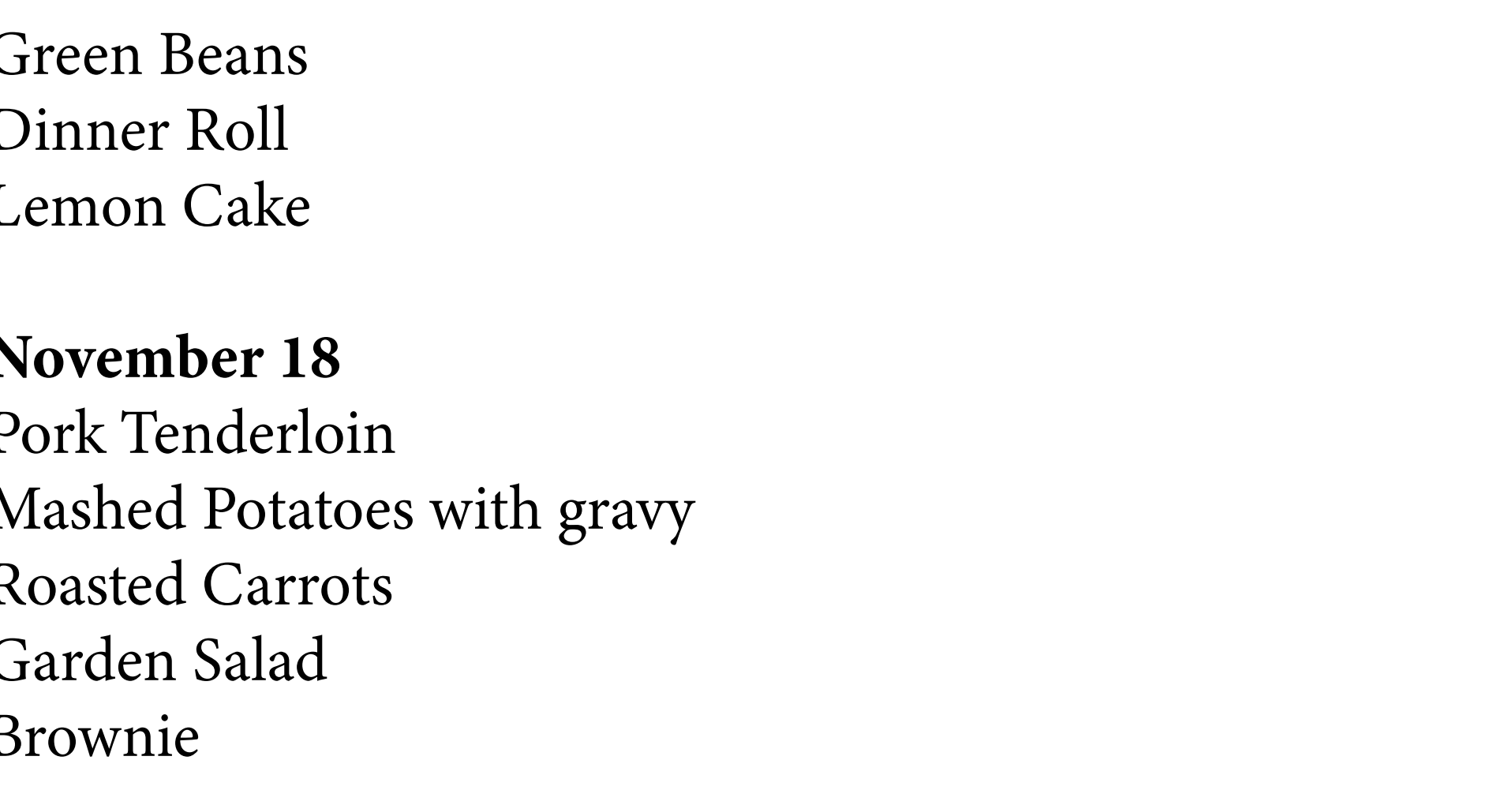
Meal Prices:
$10 | Full Plate
$5 | Half Plate
$2 | Slice of Pizza - cheese, pepperoni, or sausage

November Menu

November 4
Chicken Alfredo
Broccoli
Breadstick
Cookies

November 11
Baked Ham
Roasted Potatoes
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Lemon Cake

November 18
Pork Tenderloin
Mashed Potatoes with gravy
Roasted Carrots
Garden Salad
Brownie



Mission Quilters

Quilting Days: November 3 & 4

Why do we keep making quilts? Read this story from Lutheran World Relief to learn more about the need for quilts:

Two earthquakes devastated Venezuela on June 24. When the ground shook, América Tovar thought it was the end.

She was standing outside a small shop with her sister—a sister she hadn't seen in 10 years... The lights went out. The tremors came and then grew stronger. "I thought we were going to die," América recalls.

She made it home. But her house was cracked and unsafe, forcing her and her granddaughter—a little girl with a fragile health condition—to shelter in a thin tent that offers little protection from the elements. "I don't care about myself," América said. "But to see my little girl in those conditions—what could we do?"
Lutheran World Relief has been rushing aid to survivors in the form of LWR quilts, care kits, and support for mobile health clinics. These supplies matter so much to survivors in the hardest-hit areas. For a grandmother keeping watch over a sick grandchild, a quilt is warmth. A kit is dignity. Both are a sign that someone, somewhere, cares.

Trinity's mission quilters are assembling and tying quilts on November 3 and 4. We'll be working in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. each day. You don't need any sewing skills to help make quilts! If you can tie a knot, you can help. Please join us for a few hours or a day. Snacks and coffee provided. Bring your own lunch.

Helping the Hands that Heal

Global Health Ministries

Since 1986, staff and volunteers at GHM have been working with Lutheran mission hospitals and clinics in areas where healthcare is sparse. They send volunteers to help train medical staff and send medical supplies donated by U.S. hospitals and clinics. Last year, they sent 16 freight containers—$6.6 million worth of medical equipment and supplies, cushioned by "soft goods" (including quilts, diapers, bandages, infant caps) donated by individuals and congregations.

The guiding principle in the GHM warehouse is clear: "We don't ship air!"

For example, consider this donated infant warming bed. First, it is inspected, repaired if necessary, and given a transformer for 220 power by a volunteer medical technician. When a mission hospital asks for it, other volunteers build a customized shipping crate for it. The machine is wrapped in donated quilts inside the crate. Any nooks and crannies are filled with pillowcases holding donated soft goods such as diapers, infant care items, or rolled bandages. The crate is loaded into a freight container with other essential supplies requested. Again, any little spaces are filled with pillowcase stuffers.

Trinity volunteers provided some of these soft goods—313 diapers made from T-shirts, 272 infant caps, 10 infant blankets. They'll be on their way into a freight container soon!

Looking Ahead

Events in December

The Christmas season is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and celebrations at Trinity and in our community.

December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd | Midweek Advent
Check out our Midweek Advent theme further down in this Messenger!

December 10th | 55+ Christmas Potluck
We invite you to our 55+ Christmas Potluck at 11:30am on December 10th! More info to come, but mark your calendars for this fun event!

December 13th | Lessons and Carols
Celebrate Advent with your favorite Christmas tunes!

December 20th | Children's Christmas Worship
Hear the Christmas story as performed by the kids of our congregation! 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

December 24th | Christmas Eve Worship
Worship with us!
3:00pm Candlelight Worship
4:30pm Candlelight Worship
11:00pm Candlelight Communion Worship

December 25th | Christmas Day Worship
Worship with us!
10:00am Christmas Service

December 27th | First Sunday of Christmas
Only one service this day at 10:00am!

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES 2026

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Advent is a season of preparation—we prepare ourselves and the world for the incarnation of God through the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Advent is a period of "setting the stage"—making sure we're ready for the curtain to go up on God's show of promise and salvation.

During the season of Advent at Trinity, we invite you to join us for our Midweek Advent services Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the CLC beginning on December 2. We will use the liturgy of Holden Evening Prayer, and worship together with our Advent theme: **Lights! Camera! Action!**

Each week, we will build on this theme of preparation and "setting the stage," examining how through:

. **LIGHTS!** God calls us to "keep awake" and see the light in our lives and our world.
. **CAMERA!** We can prepare to capture a bit of God's light by keeping our lenses clean and making sure our equipment is ready to respond to God's activity in the world.
. **ACTION!** We can be a light in our neighborhood and beyond through our perception, encouragement, generosity and invitation.

Join the cast and crew of God's people at Trinity as we rehearse this Advent season for the opening of God's big show... **LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTiON!**

Poinsettias With A Purpose

Planning Ahead

Advent begins on November 29, and with it Poinsettias with a Purpose. Again, Trinity members will be invited to make a donation to help decorate our worship spaces for Christmas.

After plants are purchased, all remaining funds will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response, whose mission is to respond to the needs of people whose lives have been upended by hurricanes, tornadoes, armed conflict, and more.

In 2025, Lutheran Disaster Response supported work in 52 countries and 35 U.S. states and territories. Trinity's donation from Poinsettias with a Purpose was $1,000.

Trinity Preschool Fundraiser

Take & Bake Rolls

- Cinnamon Rolls
- Orange Rolls
- Caramel Rolls

Scan here to order yours today

ORDER BY:
11.3.2026

PICK UP:
11.11.26 4-6PM

Preschool News

Greetings from your preschool!

It has been a wonderful fall and the children have been learning so much and growing way too fast! I feel like a parent wanting them to slow down a little!

November brings so many things to be thankful for and I for one like to do a little gratitude check regularly. It helps when the weight of the world feels like it is heavy. God is Good all the time and his blessings and mercies are new each day!

Thank you; For supporting this ministry. We had so much fun singing with Pastor Rebel at Preschool Appreciation Sunday. “I am a Promise” has been running through my head all week! This space continues to be a gift, and your support of Trinity supports US!

Thank you: For the wonderful staff we have in the preschool, and in the church. Amazing things are being done here to support our community and each other. Our preschool staff is one of the best in town! We will soon be having our Parent Aware visit to confirm all the good things that are happening at Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool.

Thank you; For generosity. As Pastor Matt said "It is ALL God's" and we love the way His gifts are being used in our lives. For the SPARKLERS who continue to serve and uphold the preschool staff through their service and encouragement. For Scholarships that allow us to help those who have a hard time paying for tuition. For Support of our fundraisers; Giving Hearts and Cinnamon Roll Fundraisers. BY THE WAY, We are currently hosting a fall Cinnamon Roll fundraiser. https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/68672

Thank You; For community partnerships that help us to know that we are loved, cared for, and concerned about one another; I started to list in my head all those that care about us and others, but it was getting too long! Just Thank you God!

Thank you; For the Beauty of the Earth; for parks, pumpkin patches, orchards, and beautiful fall days. We look forward to all your seasons provide. Thank you for young children who teach us as much as we teach them about love, friends, feelings, awe and wonder and for their boundless energy which keeps us young and young at heart!

May you have a wonderful month of Thanksgiving remembering all the good that God has given you!

Have a wonderful November!
For the children, Kay

Lost and Found

Lost and Found Recovery Center is excited to be a host site for a Recovery Navigator through AmeriCorps. A Recovery Navigator (peer support) is a person with lived experience who is trained and certified to help others with their recovery. A Navigator will work one-on-one with participants to assist them and give them tools for a successful recovery. Lost and Found's Recovery Navigator is Amber LaBauve. Amber moved to Moorhead from Bismarck, ND, and started on October 20th at LNF. Here is a little bit of Amber's testimony:

From Brokenness to Redemption

For years, my life was consumed by addiction, despair, trauma, and darkness. I went from using and dealing drugs to a place where I could barely recognize the person I had become. But even in my darkest moments, when I felt lost beyond saving, Jesus met me there. Through His grace and love, I found salvation, and my life was forever changed.

Today, I am living proof that redemption is possible and that God can bring beauty from the most broken places. My recovery has helped me rediscover my worth, rebuild relationships with my family, and find a purpose far greater than myself. I now serve as a Recovery Navigator at Lost and Found Ministry, walking alongside others who are fighting battles I know all too well.

God didn't just rescue me from my past; He gave me a purpose for my future. Now, I have the privilege of reaching my hand back to help the next person struggling with addiction find hope, healing, and the same redemption I found in Jesus. My past is part of my testimony, but it no longer defines me. His grace does.

If you or someone you know looking for a Recovery Navigator/Peer Support, feel free to call Amber at the Lost and Found office 218-287-2089 or email her at amber@lostandfoundrecoverycenter.org

You are helping us make a difference.

Donate to Lost and Found today.

A Legacy of Light!

Are you 70½ or older?

According to federal law, you have to begin taking distributions from your individual retirement account (IRA). Because this could increase your income, it means your tax rate would increase too. The charitable rollover option allows you to reduce your income and, in turn, your taxes for the year by transferring money directly from your IRA to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Having the distribution directly transferred to Trinity allows you to avoid the tax you would have paid on that income. Since this type of transfer doesn't count as income or a charitable donation, it doesn't interfere with other charitable deductions.

With the IRA charitable rollover option, individuals can transfer up to $111,000 ($222,000 if married and filing jointly) per year directly to charity, which satisfies their required minimum distribution.

To benefit this year, your IRA rollover gift needs to be made before December 31. If you have questions about how an IRA charitable rollover may work for you, contact our Business Administrator Kristen Hatfield at 218-236-1333.

Third Quarter Memorials

Trinity is grateful for all gifts given in memory or in honor of loved ones. The following is a list of Trinity members and their families who have given memorials and specials gifts in the third quarter of 2026. Thank you and God bless you.

Scholarship – Bible Camp	
In Memory of:	*Given by:*
Gary Lindquist	*Gwen Fraase*
Cost & Joy of Discipleship	
In Memory of:	*Given by:*
Elaine Salvog Milton	*Nancy & Jim Cole*
Lost & Found	
In Memory of:	*Given by:*
Robin Barth	*R. Koenig*
Mission Plan Budget:	
In Memory of:	*Given by:*
Gladys Wignes	*Jean Jacobsen*
Nora Koenig	*Gerald Koenig*
Chip Ammerman	*Ernest & Marian Rud*
Gary Lindquist	*Geoffrey Bentley*
	J.S. & J.M. Lindquist
Mission Workshop (Quilting):	
In Memory of:	*Given by:*
Elaine Salvog Milton	*Ira & Kim Bailey*
Music Fund:	
In Memory of:	*Given by:*
Dale Lindquist	*Larry & Joy Wohlrabe*
Radio Broadcast:	
In Honor of:	*Given by:*
Our 45th Wedding Anniversary	*Paul & Becky Grothe*
Our 50th Wedding Anniversary	*Tony & LeAnn England*
John & Nadine Glas' 60th Wedding Anniversary	*Their Family*
Florence Johnson's Birthday	*Ron Johnson*
In Memory of:	*Given by:*
Tom for our 52nd Wedding Anniversary	*Jolinda Michels*
Terry Koppang	*The Sidestreet Jazz Group*
Kris Gulvig's Birthday	*Patty Gulsvig*
Our son, Robert Rasmussen	*Jerry & Elizabeth Protextor*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE OR IN PERSON

9:00AM FROM THE SANCTUARY

10:30AM FROM THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP IN PERSON

6:30PM FROM THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

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