

August 2022 Newsletter Trinity Lutheran Church-ELCA Cook. Minnesota

"We believe there is no person or created thing which is outside the active love and grace of God shown so clearly in Jesus Christ. And through the active love and grace of God, we, as a body of Christ, are called to invite, welcome, and care for all."

August Star Word Prompt: Who have you shared your star word with? What have you shared? Have they given you any outside insight how you interact with your star word?

Let it be acclaimed that Lori Anne-Mosher Gordon is a Called and Ordained Minister of Word & Sacrament in the ELCA! Thanks be to God!



Rev. Lori was ordained on July 16, at Trinity and has been called to serve the Jesse Lake Lutheran Church (Talmoon) and Suomi Evangelical Lutheran Church, rural Deer River, MN. (pictures, pg. 5)

God's Blessings, Pastor Lori!

### They are Back!

Northern Lights Chamber Music Institute Friday, August 19, 2022 7:00 p.m.

*Please join us* for another evening of beautiful chamber music performed by 28 outstanding young artists, mostly from our region, but also from as far away as Boston and New York.

A program of quartets and sextets will be performing and all participants will join at the conclusion of the concert to play together in a string orchestra.

The NLCMI is an annual summer camp which involves ten days of intense chamber music studies held at Camp Vermilion. Gifted young musicians of college and high school age, along with internationally acclaimed faculty, participate in this annual concert.

The Northern Lights Chamber Music Institute is the premiere educational wing of the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota, lead by Young-Nam Kim and Arian Kim, Co-Artistic Directors.

Check the VLM website (vlmcamps.org) for the Basket Challenge and

Trinity's basket challenge contribution. (picture & content list, pg. 7)

Continued Blessings on the Anniversary of Your Ordination, Pastor Erika!

Trinity family and friends helped Pr. Erika celebrate the 15th Anniversary of her Ordination to the Ministry on Sunday, July 17. Dn. Kari gave the blessing.



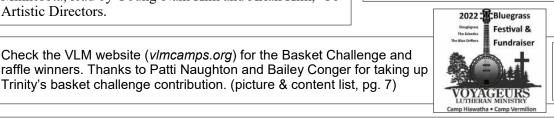
Hamburgers, hot dogs and cake were enjoyed after the worship service. A special thank you to grill masters Leo Wilenius and Greg Wilson for preparing the meal.

# United Way of Northeastern MN with Zup's, Cook, Present: Summer Buddy Backpacks **MEET UP & CHOW DOWN**



This is what volunteering would look like:

- 1.5 hours of 2-3 volunteers' time ONE day a week from program start to program end approx. September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Picking up pre-packed lunches from Zup's at about 11:45 and bringing them to the site location (the park by public library)
- Serving from 12-1 no forms for kids to fill out, they just show up and grab a lunch and go 🛞
- Take down site and bring things back to Zup's at 1pm (or sooner if lunches have run out).
- Trinity Lutheran Church has signed up for Mondays



Saturday, July 30, 2022 1:00 PM -- 7:00 PM Camp Vermilion



For five consecutive Sundays starting August 7, we will celebrate a Season of Creation during worship. The first Sunday is Water and we invite everyone to bring a small amount water from the lake or water source you live on or near. These samples will be placed in the baptismal font for Ocean/Lake Sunday. Following Sundays include Cosmos, Fauna/Animal, Storm, and River. Liturgy we will be using for this series is The Liturgy for Earthkeeping, commissioned in honor of Luther College's sesquicentennial in 2012. It is a collaborative project between Dakota Road Music and Luther College Ministries.

### From Pastor Eríka



The Doctrine of the Priesthood of All Believers: The doctrine asserts that all humans have access to God through Christ, the true high priest, and thus do not need a priestly mediator. This introduced a democratic element in the functioning of the church that meant all Christians were equal. The ordained clergy thus were representatives of the entire congregation, preaching and administering the sacraments. https://www.britannica.com/topic/priesthood-of-all-believers

### 1 Peter 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup> "Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built<sup>[d]</sup> into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

There is a national campaign with the slogan "See Something, Say Something". I think we need this campaign in our church, too. How would I use this campaign? I would use it for you, for me, for everyone that calls themselves a member of Trinity Lutheran.

Background: *We miss you*. We miss those that worshiped with us pre-pandemic. We miss those that come just once a month and we haven't seen in a while. We miss the summer people that we haven't seen back yet. We miss the fall and winter people we don't see in the summer time!

Now, my "Say Something, See Something" campaign: When you see someone or ones that fall into the previously mentioned paragraph, it is your duty as a priesthood of all believers to say something to the person. You are qualified to say "we miss you, how have you been?" As members of the priesthood of all believers, you don't need to be ordained to do the work of checking in on missing members. This is the work of us all!

So the next time you see someone, say something to them! This is our work as members of Trinity to check in with people. This is our work as the priesthood of all believers to be a neighbor to all people.

Pr. Erika



Check out the new table and umbrella for the bell tower garden, both purchased with memorial money. What a welcoming, relaxing addition to the space.

Thank you to Jody Bixby, Dn. Kari and Beth Sprouls for assembly.



### *The Well Moved to Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room*

*The Well* took a break from meeting for the month of July. In August we will resume meeting but change to MONDAYS at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in *The Well* but need to meet during an afternoon or evening, please let me know and we can start another one.

All are invited to come to *The Well*. *The Well* is a place where we gather for spiritual renewal and prayer. It is a place where we come to be refreshed by living water. You may come every week or occasionally. Whenever you show up, however you show up, you will be welcomed. We meet for about an hour and generally have some silence for centering, a check-in, a guided spiritual practice, and prayer. This can change depending on the needs of the group. A candle is usually lit and sometimes we use a singing bowl. The rules at *The Well* are simple: some as you are

usually lit and sometimes we use a singing bowl. The rules at *The Well* are simple: come as you are, share as much or as little as you want, listen to others with no fixing or advice, keep confidentiality.

If you have any questions or just want to talk or pray together, feel free to stop by my office at the church, call me on my cell phone (218-290-5984) or the church phone, send me an email (*deaconkari@trinitycook.org*), and/or make an appointment with me.

I look forward to resuming *The Well* on a weekly basis and hope to see you there.

On this journey with you!

Deacon Kari (she/her)

Deacon Kari



From the President

### Greetings

The number of grandchildren at my house recently increased by 100%, jumping from 4 to 8 in the period of a week. They range in age from almost 10 years to 2 months. The native Cook-ites were joined by their New Yorker cousins for a summer visit. Having this many kids in our lives at one time certainly changes the equilibrium we normally exist in.



Having this many kids in my life also heightens my concern for the future. For most of my life I have felt that life was slowly getting better and the future was bright. But in recent years, I have become worried about what the future will bring, not so much for me but for that passel of grandchildren just mentioned. What sort of life is in store for them.?

We have no crystal ball that clearly shows the future. People have pondered the future since biblical times, and probably way before that. The only chance we have of predicting the future is a wide open look at the recent past to see the direction we are heading. The only way prophets have been able to predict the future is by clearly defining the present.

If the path we see we are on is leading to undesirable results, it is up to us to change direction. We can use prayer and faith for guidance and strength; and intellect, resolve, action and perseverance to change direction and achieve desirable outcomes.

We walk many paths at the same time. Some paths we walk alone, others with small groups and some with all of humanity. With this many paths to walk at the same time, it's no wonder we sometimes get lost. Sometimes we are the pathfinders and sometimes we are followers and go with the flow.

Our future on Earth is finite, but our total future is infinite. But our finite future on Earth overlaps with the other finite futures of our children, grandchildren and beyond. We should be concerned with their futures and help define paths that will make their lives rewarding and fulfilling.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook is a path we share. There are many things we can do to make sure this is a lasting path into the future. Please help define our common path through prayer and participation.

Let me end with the Serenity Prayer featured at Squeek McCue's memorial service.

"God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference."

I look forward to seeing you on the path to a brighter future. We can each make a meaningful difference!

Bill





August 7	<u>August 14</u>	Scripture	August 21	<u>August 28</u>
Ninth Sunday of	Tenth Sunday of	Readings	Eleventh Sunday of	Twelfth Sunday of
Pentecost	Pentecost	for August	Pentecost	Pentecost
Genesis 15:1-6	Jeremiah 23:23-29		Isaiah 58:9b-14	Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 33:12-22	Psalm 82		Psalm 103:1-8	Psalm 112
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29 -12:2	Bible Study	Hebrews 12:18-29	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Study	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 14:1, 7-14

General Fund				<u>6/30/2022</u>	2022	2 Budget = \$260	,138	.16
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Loose Offering	\$	103.87			\$	3,439.61		
Church usage	\$	75.00			\$	<u> </u>		
Total Regular Income	\$	17,028.87		21,678.18 **	\$	119,397.96	\$	130,069.08
Mission Support		June paid				YTD Paid		
NE Synod	\$	1,666.66	\$	833.33	\$	4,999.98	\$	4,999.98
VLM	\$	250.00	\$	125.00	\$	750.00	\$	750.00
Total Mission Support	\$	1,916.66	\$	958.33	\$	5,749.98	\$	5,749.98
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<u>Expenses</u> Education	\$	240.93	\$	558.34	\$	2,469.53	\$	3,349.98
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Total loan		\$786,660.31			12-J		60	
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Receipts for the month are BELOW budget by \$4,649.31. Receipts are BELOW budget for the year \$10,671.12. Expenses are ABOVE budget for the month by \$1,671.72. Expenses are ABOVE budget for the year \$11,245.73.

Memorials received this month in memory of: Don Price

Virgil(Squeek) McCue

Jerry Storm Donna Bergman

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GIFTS Received Submitted-YTD
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Cook Food Shelf
Social Outreach Ministry \$195.00 \$920.00
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Salvation Army
Lenten Offerings
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Liz Storm, McCue Family, Dennis Morreim, Bill & Bailey Conger, Ron & Mickey Maki

Bruce & Judy Anderson,

Steve & Lynn Polich

Lorraine Carlson, Liz Storm, John & Claire Zwieg Mike & Lorene Enzmann, Leo & Lindy Wilenius,

Submitted by Sue Carstens, Financial Mgr/ Bkkp

Given by:



Pastor Lori Anne-Mosher Gordon







Bp. Amy Odgren (NEMN Synod) presided; Dr. Cameron Howard, Assoc. Prof. of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, preached.

Special Music was provided by Bailey Conger, Bruce Garbisch, and Dn. Brenda Tibbetts.

Pr. Lori was presented with a red stole as a gift from Trinity and it was placed on her shoulders during the service by Trinity members Ivy Chaulklin and Elizabeth Storm.

The service is currently available for viewing on the Trinity *Facebook* page and *YouTube* channel.















### The End Is Near!

The end is near indeed for our long journey and what a journey it has been! Ten years ago, our Trinity congregation embarked on an epic remodel of the church that added much needed space, function, handicapped access and efficiencies in operation that will



serve the church well into the future. And now, we begin the last leg of the journey to pay off the financial commitment for the church renovation with the fourth debt reduction appeal. Given the congregation's past level of support, this appeal will pay off the loan for the project in full and in less time than the loan was planned for, saving thousands of dollars in the interest!

Your volunteering, your financial support and your prayers through these busy years in God's service are testament to God's grace and commitment of the congregation. Thank you! And to be clear, please know that this Growing in Grace appeal is a 3-year commitment and is separate from your regular monthly support of church operations.

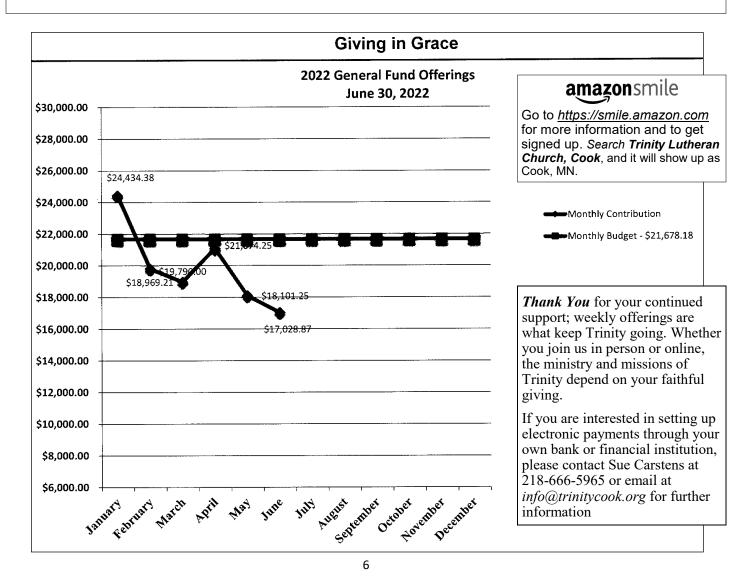
With this letter, we invite your participation in this pledge drive for whatever amount works for you. You should have received a pledge form for this Growing in Grace appeal. If you have not received one or misplaced the one sent earlier you may stop by the church office and pick one up. It will be most helpful if we could know of your intentions soon enough to make for an accurate announcement on the appeal results on Celebration Sunday, July 31.

We hope you'll join us for strawberry shortcake on the July 31<sup>st</sup>, and we hope you'll join us in this appeal as "many hands make for light work." Thank you again! Your involvement is the backbone to the church mission that serves us, and the community at large, with God's gift of love as shown so clearly in his son, Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Growing in Grace Committee

Bill Conger, Sue Carstens, Jim Aune, Leo Wilenius and Pastor Erika



# The Quest for God's Great Light on Adventure Island!







The week of adventures is complete:

Thank You -- Kim Marwick, Lindy Wilenius, Beth Wilenius, Mickey Maki, Elizabeth Storm, Patti Naughton, Kate Cheney and Laurin Glass for all of your help making VBS great this year! Thanks to Pr. Erika for the planning and to Dn. Kari for the science experiments.

Epic battles of "Shepherd & Sheep". No more fun than the parachute -- "Popcorn" is fun, but "Shark & Lifeguards" is THE BEST! Lots of giggles and squeals all week.















## Lord, Hear Our Prayers:

Those needing healing and comfort:



Pastor Erika, Audrey Leenhouts, Mike Naughton, Serena Pearson, John Bergman, Bob Zika, Kenneth Tomlinson, Shirley Bixby, Carol McCue, Mike McCue, Bob Posch, Jeremy Scherer, Sabrina Adriani, Mary Adriani, Victoria Nelson, Donnie Gordon and Kevin Cairn.

Family and friends of Marguerite Eyre (6/29) who has passed away recently.

- + Families and communities that are still trying to get back on their feet following the devastating storms, fires, and floods throughout the country
- + Citizens, refugees and their families caught in the devastation and military actions in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.
- + Those in our community and the world still dealing with the loss and uncertainty of Covid, including health care worker and refugees.
- + People facing medical testing, challenges, & difficult situations
- + Those serving in the armed forces: Ezra Ahlgren, Carolyn Bergman, Alan Gustafson, Tristin Gilbert, Erik Lappi, Matt Root, Max Pearson, Markus Udovich
- + Those seeking Jesus Christ in their lives.

# Women ELCA

The women of Trinity *will not* be meeting in August, but will resume in September. See Norma Thomas or Gerry Ruuska for more information.

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Monthly Community Meal

Thursday, August 25, 2022 Served drive-thru style 4 - G pm or until gone

Menu TBD -- more information will soon be available on the TLC website at <u>trinitycook.org</u> or on the Trinity Facebook page.



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**THANK YOU** to all those behind-the-scenes and in-front-of-the camera volunteers who help Trinity function. Recruited or just jumping in where they are needed, our TLC family members are good people and aren't always recognized, but ALWAYS appreciated.

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Please check out the various opportunities below:

Sign Up in the Fellowship Hall: Readers Communion Assistants Worship Assistants Sunday Coffee Servers Contact Julie Horihan: Monthly Community Meals



## 2022 Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Bluegrass Festival Basket Challenge Trinity Lutheran Church – Cook Basket Theme: "You Scream, I Scream, We All Love Ice Cream" (Basket Value over \$250.00)

1 -- \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Zup's to get ingredients to make homemade ice cream
1 -- \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Moosebirds on Highway 24 (Lake Vermilion, Cook end)
1 -- \$20.00 Gift Certificate to Moosebirds on Highway 24 (Lake Vermilion, Cook end)
1 -- \$15.00 Gift Certificate to Rose Cottage Baking Company (on Highway 53 in Cook)
2-- Gift Cards for a Single Scoop in Sugar Cone, Cake Cone or Dish (Northern Grace Ice Cream on Highway 53 in Cook)

Plus - All of These Goodies

Electric Ice Cream Maker Waffle Cones Ice Cream Ball Maker Waffle Bowls Ice Cream Tub Sugar Cones 28-Ot Cooler Chocolate Chip Cookie Cones **Oreo Sugar Cones** Homemade Ice Cream Recipe Book Ice Cream Cup Cones Ice Cream Scoops (2) Chocolate Syrup Ice Cream Cone Napkins Caramel Syrup Strawberry Syrup Glass Banana Split Dishes (4) Chocolate Chip Cookie Syrup Glass Root Beer Float Mugs (4) Hot Fudge Topping Glass Sundae Cups (4) Strawberry Topping Salted Caramel Topping Plastic Sunday Cups (4) 25 – Homemade Ice Cream Cone Note Cards



*Thank you* to everyone who contributed money, gift certificates or items for Trinity's contribution to the 2022 VLM Basket Challenge.

*Thank you* to WELCA and the TLC Council also, for donating money. At the time of publication, the event has not yet occurred, so it isn't known how our basket did this year. More to come...

You can go online to bid on Trinity's or other baskets if you are interested. Check for the link on the camp website at *vlmcamps.org* for more information.

Thanks again for supporting this annual event.

The real winner is Voyageur's Lutheran Ministry!

Patti Naughton & Bailey Conger



Strikepoint, an internationally acclaimed handbell choir from Duluth, performed at Trinity on July 11, to a warm reception. A mix of musical pieces brought smiles, laughter and much applause; even dancing to the music of Glenn Miller's *Moonlight Serenade*.

A portion of the collected freewill offering was shared with Trinity's Grace Notes bell choir.

Strikepoint rings six octaves of bronze handbells, with additional aluminum bass bells, seven octaves of hand chimes, along with a range of other specialty bells and instruments as needed.

Concert selections vary from Bach to Lady Gaga. They are highly regarded in the handbell world as pioneers and innovators, and are considered one of the very top handbell ensembles in the world.

A Strikepoint concert is a guaranteed fast-paced high-energy, rollicking good time!



It's a workout -- and takes a special talent to ring those big bells.





Long-time Grace Notes bell ringer, Laura Bergman, getting a few technique tips from members of Strikepoint.



Dancing under blue lights, a disco ball and bubbles was encouraged during the playing of *Moonlight Serenade*.



Interacting with audience and some Grace Notes members after the concert.



Demonstrating the Big Bell for curious audience members, postconcert. The largest of the aluminum bells weighed approximately the same as a bowling ball on a stick.

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# Trinity Lutheran Church Information

Pastor: Rev. Erika Foss Congregational Care: Dn. Kari Olson Music Director: Bailey Conger Financial Manager/Bookkeeper: Sue Carstens Secretary: Beth Sprouls



#### Sunday Worship 9:30 am

(Holy Communion Each Sunday) Livestream Available on Facebook & YouTube Office Hours Mondays by appointment Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Phone: 218-666-5965 Email: info@trinitycook.org

Website: www.trinitycook.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/TLC.Cook.MN YouTube: www.youtube.com (Trinity Lutheran Church of Cook)

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