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# TRINITY TIDINGS

*To Know, Love and Share Christ*

August 2026



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## Pastor Renae's August Message

School will soon begin again and that makes me think of the teachers and coaches who had such an incredible influence on my life.

Teachers have a wonderful influence but there are those who have an even bigger influence in our lives. Those mega influencers are our parents and grandparents.

Most influencers have a plan. They have a plan to influence. They have a plan on how they will make an impact. Most influencers develop their content and work with several different platforms to get the message across to their audience. And that message all begins with a plan and lots of communication.

What is your plan for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ? What is your plan for your child or grandchild? How will faith formation be developed? Is that a priority?

Every successful outcome begins with a plan. Do you have a plan? God certainly has a plan for your life.

I have a book called *Think Orange* by Reggie Joiner. It discusses how two combined influences (church and family) can help the next generation know Christ. The book shares that **“the average church has 40 hours in a given year to influence a life” and the “average parent has 3000 hours per year to influence a life”** (pg 87-88).<sup>[1]</sup> I think sometimes it is easy to forget the incredible power of influence we can have on our family.

Jesus teaches in Luke 11:33, “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead, he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light.”

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Pastor Renae continued

Who influenced you in the faith?

Did you come to know Jesus by accident? Or from a parent or grandparent?

Why do you know and love the Lord? Most likely it began from the greatest earthly influencer you had in your life.

Parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, and church members: We have an incredible opportunity to influence our children and relatives on the importance of Christ and Christian values.

We are influenced by someone or something every day. Our influence will have eternal consequences for the next generation. We are given the opportunity to “plant seeds” and then “water those seeds” over and over again. What is your plan to influence?

God calls us to let our light shine. He calls us to share the incredible love God has for us with our family and friends. Let us not be afraid to share that love with others.

United in Christ,

Pr. Renae Behrends

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<sup>[1]</sup> Joiner, Reggie, *Think Orange*, David C, Cook Distribution, Canada, 2009, pg 87-88.

## 26th ANNUAL LCMC NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 26th LCMC National Convention will be held October 4-7, 2026 at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, Iowa. The theme this year is: “Unleashed”, and will include speakers, worship, fellowship, breakout sessions, networking, and more. Registration ends September 10. For more information and to register online, go to [www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering](http://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering). Brochures are also available in the narthex. Space is limited, so please register early.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—AUGUST 4-6



Trinity's Vacation Bible School will be held August 4-6 from 9:00 - 11:00 am, here at Trinity. VBS is for youth ages 4-12. The theme this year is "God's Story." This theme is based on Joshua 1:9.

A big THANK YOU to all those who have signed up to provide food and snack supplies or volunteer their time to help make this year's VBS possible!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS SET-UP—AUGUST 2

We plan to set up and decorate for VBS after worship on August 2. All help would be greatly appreciated!

### KID'S SHOES NEEDED FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE 'OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD'

In many places around the world, one requirement for a child to attend school is to have shoes. Many of these kids long to go to school, but are not able to because their parents cannot afford to buy them shoes. We would like to help fulfill this need.

We are taking donations of **new** kids shoes. Sizes needed are: kids size 9c to 12c and youth size 2y to 8y. We will be packing shoe boxes during Vacation Bible School next week.

If you would like to help us fulfill this need by donating **new** kid's shoes, please bring them to church by next Wednesday, August 5. There is a box in the narthex for donated shoes.

### BLESSING OF TEACHERS, STUDENTS & BACKPACKS



During the Sunday worship service on August 23, we will have a special blessing for all teachers, students and backpacks. Students are invited to bring their backpacks to church that day for this special blessing. Teachers and students from Trinity Preschool have been invited to join us.

## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|           |                     |                                                          |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2<br>Sun  | 9:30 am             | Sunday Worship                                           |
| 4<br>Tues | 9 - 11 am           | Vacation Bible School                                    |
| 5<br>Wed  | 9 - 11 am           | Vacation Bible School                                    |
| 6<br>Thur | 9 - 11 am           | Vacation Bible School                                    |
| 9<br>Sun  | 9:30 am             | Sunday Worship                                           |
| 16<br>Sun | 9:30 am<br>10:45 am | Sunday Worship<br>Parish Council Meeting                 |
| 23<br>Sun | 9:30 am             | Worship / Praise Team<br>Blessing of Teachers & Students |
| 30<br>Sun | 9:30 am             | Sunday Worship                                           |

### August Birthdays



2 - Gage Christensen  
 7 - Arla Kintigh  
 8 - Sierra Beschoner  
 15 - Kyle Long  
 17 - Raymie Foerster  
 24 - Mary Cullen  
 25 - Stacie Long  
 31 - Molly Vander Linden



## SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? Do you love to share your love of God! Trinity wants to help you share your talent and your enthusiasm for the Lord! We are developing a list of individuals and families who would be willing to provide special music, vocal or instrumental, on a Sunday this summer. If you would be willing to share your talents, please contact Arla Kintigh at 712-363-1856.

# AUGUST PARISH WORSHIP MINISTRIES

ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Anderson

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:

Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 136:1-9 (23-26)

Romans 9:1-5 (6-13) Matthew 14:13-21

SERVERS: Harper Nolte

LECTOR: Bonnie Anderson

C. ASSISTANT: Becky Caswell

GREETERS: Andy & Bonnie Anderson

USHERS: TBA

O. COUNTERS: TBA

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:

Job 38:4-18 Psalm 18:1-6 (7-16)

Romans 10:5-17 Matthew 14:22-33

SERVERS: Nolan Kelley

LECTOR: Arla Kintigh

C. ASSISTANT: Dale Kroll

GREETERS: John & Marie Kelley

USHERS: Dale Kroll, Michael Kroll

O. COUNTERS: Steve Grell, Walter Mantler

**SUNDAY**  
**WORSHIP**  
**9:30 am**

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a,13-15 Matthew 15:21-28

SERVERS: Sophia Porath

LECTOR: Ardith Rustad

C. ASSISTANTS: Lisa Leonard

GREETERS: Paul & Becky Caswell

USHERS: Herb Kintigh, Scott Nolte

O. COUNTERS: Paul & Becky Caswell

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:

Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138

Romans 11:33-12:8 Matthew 16:13-20

SERVERS: Harper Nolte

LECTOR: Brian Behrends

C. ASSISTANTS: Dean Gronemeyer

GREETERS: Scott & Tina Nolte

USHERS: Brian Behrends, Ron McGuire

O. COUNTERS: D. Gronemeyer, K. Lamport

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26

Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

SERVERS: Sophia Porath

LECTOR: Tami Kroll

C. ASSISTANTS: Becky Caswell

GREETERS: Lynn & Nancy Heideman

USHERS: Paul & Becky Caswell

O. COUNTERS: Lynn & Nancy Heideman



## PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS



"Let Us Pray for One Another"

In our prayers during August, let us remember the following persons and causes in our prayers:

- + **Josh Long & family:** for Josh's safety while he is deployed over seas this next year;
- + **Jody Kleve & family:** as they recover from a house fire;
- + **Shelly McGuire:** for health and healing;
- + **Anna Leu:** daughter of Jeremy & Irene Leu, and granddaughter of Grant & De Linda Leu, for health and healing;
- + **Brody Black:** grandson of Dave & Paula Hultgren, for health and healing;
- + **Lucas Christensen:** for health and healing;
- + **Ashley Ballou Bonnema:** cousin of Molly Vander Linden, for health and healing;
- + **Karen Kahley:** for health and healing;
- + **Stacie Smith:** friend of Pastor Renae, for health and healing;
- + The families of our parish: **Bertell, Brownfield** and **Carlson**;
- + Staff and students of Trinity Preschool & Daycare;
- + Directors and staff of Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps;
- + All members of our parish, that as we continue to rejoice in the mystery of the Resurrection, we may be empowered to live the new life given in Christ in our daily lives.

O Give Thanks to the Lord

### Stewardship Report - June, 2026

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|------------------|--------------|
| Income to Date   | \$ 116,565   |
| Expenses to Date | \$ (119,803) |
| Differences      | \$ (3,238)   |

## CHURCH IN THE PARK



On Sunday, June 21, Trinity took part in a community wide worship service, held at the East Leach Park Band Shell. Prayers, worship and river baptisms were offered. Approximately 350 people attended. \$2,258 was raised for flood relief / long-term recovery!



## TRINITY'S ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our annual Ice Cream Social was held on July 26. Ice cream and a variety of toppings was available so everyone could create their own sundae.



A big Thank You to the Parish Council for providing the ice cream and toppings, and for setting up and serving that day. \$228 was raised to help with VBS! We also thank all those who contributed to this special offering!



# Parish Council Meeting - June 28, 2026

## "To Know, Love and Share Christ"

Pastor Renae's Cell: 712-209-3771

June Parish Council Meeting called to order by President Dale Kroll at 10:45 am.

Present: President Dale Kroll, VP Grant Leu, Secretary Lisa Leonard, Becky Caswell, Steve Grell, Dean Gronemeyer.

Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. Motion by Becky C. to accept the May Minutes. Second by Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Dale K. gave a briefing on the report. Was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Becky C. to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Lisa L. Motion carried unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Renae gave a briefing on her duties, activities and volunteering for the past month. Motion by Lisa L. to accept Pastor's Report. Second by Grant L. Motion carried unanimously.

Parish Committees were reviewed and discussed. Property - Grant L. and Dean G. gave update. Reviewed and discussed. Toe kicks for kitchen cabinets. Leak in hallway next to sign-in room. Inspect gutter ground drain. Preschool - Board Reports - Pastor Renae gave an update. Reviewed and discussed. Motion by Steve G. to accept the Parish Committee Reports. Second by Grant L. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Communion Assistant Schedule was reviewed, changes made and accepted.

Update on Preschool Infant Room Remodel: Pastor Renae and Grant L. gave a progress update. Construction is completed.

Flagfest Float: Flagfest Parade was held on Saturday, June 13, 2026. Pastor Renae and Becky C. stated the event was a success and thanked all those involved.

Worship in the Park: Park Services were held on Sunday, June 21, 2026 at East Leach Park band shelter. Pastor Renae shared in the service at the park including river Baptisms.

Spring Cleanup: Sign-up list for volunteering duties in the Narthex.

New Business:

Church Sign: Reviewed design options and discussed. Motion by Steve G. to use Memorial Fund monies up to \$10,000.00 for new Church Sign. Second by Becky C. Motion carried unanimously.

Canva Software for Church Office: \$144.00 yearly subscription fee. Reviewed and discussed. Motion by Grant L. to purchase Canva Software for Church Office at yearly fee. Second by Steve G. Motion carried unanimously.

Ice Cream Social: Will be held on Sunday, July 26, 2026 after Church Services. Church Council will host the event. Free will offering will be collected for Trinity Vacation Bible School.

Rhonda's Benefit Package: Reviewed and discussed options. Motion by Steve G. to increase paid vacation benefits to 80 hours yearly. Approved Holiday Pay for six paid holidays per year. Second by Becky C. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Grant L. Second by Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned with prayer at 12:00 pm.

Minutes by Secretary,  
Lisa Leonard

# Trinity Preschool & Daycare

## Trinity Youth are Hands on with Nature

Youngsters got a close-up encounter this summer with nature that slithers as part of National Snake Day! They learned that snakes are often times more scared of them, but are an important part of the ecosystem. After educating kids on snakes in Clay County, naturalist Trinity Atkins brought out a live Fox Snake, commonly found near the Little Sioux River.

Trinity youth also traveled out to the Clay County Conservation's Oneota classroom to see animals primarily seen at night!



## Infant Room Project Complete

Trinity Preschool & Daycare infant room remodel project is now complete! An open house is being planned for August 24, and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on September 1.

We are looking forward to welcoming infants into our preschool and daycare program!

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**Deadline for September Tidings - August 20**