
TRINITY TIDINGS

To Know, Love and Share Christ

September 2026



Pastor Renae's September Message



The Grandprize

The Clay County Fair brings back many memories for me. As a 4-H Member, I brought many items to the fair for judging. The top prize for any fair entry was a purple ribbon. A critical piece of judging when showing pigs is the rate of gain, which was written on the top of the pig's back.

Rate of Gain refers to how quickly a pig gains weight over a period of time.

A judge considers the rate of gain when deciding what ribbon to award the pig because the rate of gain can indicate the animal's growth ability, feed efficiency, muscle development, and market readiness. The pig is also rated on its muscle structure, balance, and body condition.

One year, I was awarded a purple ribbon for my pig. I was so proud. I had received the top award. I had received the Grand Prize, but in reality, the only thing I did to prepare my pig for the fair was a thorough scrubbing with soap and water. My family did the majority of the feeding, watering, and leading up to the fair. The good-looking pig and the rate of gain had very little to do with me, but I received the reward.

This reminds me of the eternal reward we have received through Jesus Christ. He did all the work. He became human. The God of the Universe made himself a baby. Born in a manger. Born into a poor family. He suffered. He died. He rose again so that we could walk with him forever.

It is so incredible to think of what our Heavenly Father has done for us. Not because we deserved it. Not because we have earned it (because we haven't). But because of who He is.

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Pastor Renae continued

We have been given the Grand Prize through Christ Jesus. Praise God for His generosity.
Praise God for His love. Praise God for the mercy.

See you at the fair.
United in Christ,

Pastor Renae Behrends



ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS - SEPT. 27

On Sunday, September 27, we will resume our study on the Books of the Bible, through the Bible Project. Each week we will watch a short video, followed by discussion. We encourage everyone to attend this informative study.

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. Brochures are also available in the narthex. Space is limited, so please register early.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...



The Christian Education committee is working to finalize plans for Sunday School this fall. Please stay tuned for all the details. If you are interested in being a part of our Christian Education ministry, please sign up or contact the office. We would love to have you!

RUTH CIRCLE NEWS...



Our Ruth Circle is excited to begin their monthly meetings again! Their first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 9:30 am. Bonnie Anderson has offered to host the first meeting in her home. All Trinity women are invited to be part of the Ruth Circle.

COLLEGE EMAIL ADDRESSES

We would like the email addresses of our college students so we can keep them updated on events at Trinity. If you have a college student in your family, please contact the parish office with their current email address.

SENIOR CHOIR



Our Senior Choir is making plans to resume singing in October. They normally sing once a month. A letter will be sent to choir members in the near future. We welcome all voices! If you would like to participate in our senior choir, please contact De Linda Leu or just join us any time.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 Tues	9:30 am	Ribbon Cutting - Preschool Infant Room
6 Sun	9:30 am	Sunday Worship - Justin Spieker
7 Mon		Labor Day - Office Closed
13 Sun	9:30 am	Sunday Worship
20 Sun	9:30 am	Sunday Worship
24 Thur	9:30 am	Ruth Circle
27 Sun	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:45 am	Sunday Worship / Praise Team Sunday School Begins Adult Bible Study

September Birthdays



10 - Dale Kroll
 12 - Dave Hultgren
 13 - Nathan Foerster
 15 - Leo Brownfield
 18 - Sophia Porath
 20 - Scott Nolte
 22 - Annette Ebeling
 23 - Shelly McGuire
 23 - Ardith Rustad
 27 - Ray Foerster
 29 - Gage Caswell



SUMMER /FALL 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 or fall. If you would be willing to share your talents, please contact Arla Kintigh at 712-363-1856.

SEPTEMBER PARISH WORSHIP MINISTRIES

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Garnatz

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 32:1-7

Romans 13:1-10 Matthew 18:1-20

SERVERS: Nolan Kelley

LECTOR: Michael Kroll

C. ASSISTANT: NA

GREETERS: Dale & Tami Kroll

USHERS: Bob Bendlin, Scott Nolte

O. COUNTERS: Dean Gronemeyer, Guy Schurz

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:

Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:1-12

Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

SERVERS: Harper Nolte

LECTOR: Annette Ebeling

C. ASSISTANT: Lisa Leonard

GREETERS: Ron & Shelly McGuire

USHERS: Randy & Lisa Leonard

O. COUNTERS: Randy & Lisa Leonard

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
9:30 am**

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:

Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 27:1-9

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 Matthew 20:1-16

SERVERS: Sophia Porath

LECTOR: Tina Nolte

C. ASSISTANTS: Dean Gronemeyer

GREETERS: Deb Garnatz, Jane Long

USHERS: Herb Kintigh, Guy Schurz

O. COUNTERS: Steve Grell, Walter Mantler

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-10

Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13)14-18 Matthew 21:23-27

SERVERS: Nolan Kelley

LECTOR: Andy Anderson

C. ASSISTANTS: Becky Caswell

GREETERS: Andy & Bonnie Anderson

USHERS: Lynn & Nancy Heideman

O. COUNTERS: Lynn & Nancy Heideman

Thank You
for Serving!



PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS



"Let Us Pray for One Another"

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

- + **John & Gretchen Hoefer:** as they recover from burns received in a house fire and explosion;
- + **Barb Cuthbertson:** as she recovers from severe burns;
- + **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;
- + **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;
- + **Stacie Smith:** friend of Pastor Renae, for health and healing;
- + The families of our parish: **Caswell, Christensen** and **Cullen**;
- + 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 - July, 2026

Income to Date	\$ 129,026
Expenses to Date	\$ (138,659)
Differences	\$ (9,633)

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



We congratulate Leah Heiken and Caleb Anderson on the recent birth of their daughter, Mavery Anderson. Mavery is the granddaughter of Laura Heikens.

THANK YOU!!!



Trinity Church Members: I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who reached out, prayed for, and generously donated to my family following my house fire. Your kindness and generosity is a reminder we are not walking through this alone. Thank you all for showing me what faith, love, and community look like when we need it the most. God Bless!
~ Jody Kleve and Family

Trinity's Vacation Bible School was a huge success! Approximately 30 youth attended each day. A big **Thank You** to all those who helped set up, brought food and snack items and donated their time to help with this event. We could not have done it without you!

Another big Thank You to all those who donated kids' shoes! We packed 26 shoe boxes during Vacation Bible School! These boxes will be sent to children around the world.



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

VBS HIGHLIGHTS

"God's Story - You Have A Friend in Jesus"

Trinity's Vacation Bible School was held August 4-6. Each day we focused on a different theme:

Day 1: The Story of Cain and Abel.

Day 2: The Story of Gideon.

Day 3: The story of Joseph.



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phillipians 4:13



"I have made you and I will carry you. I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4



"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a future and hope." Jeremiah 29:11



Infant Room Ribbon Cutting

We would like to invite everyone to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, September 1 at 9:30 am, for our newly remodeled infant room. Trinity Preschool and Daycare is excited to welcome infants into their preschool and daycare program!

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Deadline for September Tidings - August 20