



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Called to Fill the Hungry with Good Things

## The Messenger *(a monthly publication)*

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*“The LORD make his  
face shine upon you ...  
and give you peace.”*

*Numbers 6:25-26, NIV*

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# I'm a Lutheran



## Penny Landscoot

I was a member of First Lutheran Church in Mandan, ND until 1968 when we moved to Jamestown and my family became members of Trinity.

I am currently retired.

I don't remember a time when I didn't have faith. It has gotten me through some very difficult times. Sometimes we question why things happen in our lives but our faith and a lot of prayer gets us through it. Some day we will have that answer.

My favorite Bible story is the Easter story of Christ's resurrection. It's the reason we have faith knowing that we will be saved and our best life is to come with God in heaven.

I believe that with God all things are possible.

I pray that more members step up and get involved in Trinity's many opportunities. It will inspire the soul.

People are surprised that I have been a member of Trinity for so long. When we moved to Jamestown my grandmother and my mom and dad became members. Mike and I were married at Trinity, our two daughters were married at Trinity and our four grandchildren were baptized here. It has truly been a family affair!

If I could change anything, I'd change the fact that very few people have returned to worship in person. There is nothing like a full congregation. A few years back we tried the Wednesday night services but were drawn back to Sunday for the camaraderie. I like seeing all the familiar faces coming together to worship God – like a Trinity family.

I'm a Lutheran because I was raised as Lutheran and haven't really explored any other faith.

Music is my inspiration. I grew up listening to my four sisters playing piano and one of them even playing in church at Trinity. Piano music especially lifts me up and gives me a sense of peace.

Serving on Church Council, Worship committee, as a confirmation guide and mentor, as a wedding assistant, on the *Connect, Share, Grow* campaign and now the RENEW campaign I know it takes many hands to run a church.

I also want people to know that Trinity is unique in that we have two wedding assistants. Sue Anderson and I serve in that capacity. We assist the ministers and bridal parties as needed. We are there for wedding rehearsals, opening up the church and turning on the lights, etc. the day of the wedding and attending each wedding to help coordinate the activities associated with each one.

## I want to read more articles like this one

### "I'm a Lutheran"

is a regular feature in *Living Lutheran*, an online and paper magazine of the ELCA.

Check out the online edition at

[www.livinglutheran.org](http://www.livinglutheran.org)

# Ministerial Acts



## Funerals

† 8/1/2022	Bernice Schultz	Trinity
† 8/1/2022	Lindsey Vogel	St. John's
† 8/8/2022	Elinore Block	Trinity
† 8/12/2022	Mary Smith	Trinity
† 8/19/2022	Pearl Hendrix	St. John's



Cascade Mountains above Holden Village

Kelly Krein travels with her case of dominoes



## Weddings

†7/30/2022	Pete Fehr and Ellen Anderson	Trinity with Rev. Lucinda Lien officiating
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## To Holden Village and Back

Eleven of us took trains, cars, vans, buses, and boats to get to and from Holden Village in the Cascade Mountains, Washington state. Our travels and time at Holden Village provided a shared experience which drew us closer together as a community of eleven and yet it was unique for each of us.

The theme at Holden Village was "Jubilee: Release, Renew, Re-Turn" We experienced all three dimensions of Jubilee as reported by us all.

"Released" from: Demands, negativities, deadlines, commitments, agendas, lists, and difficulties at home and work. Demands and temptations of cell phones, emails, social media disappeared—as there is no reception nor wi-fi connection at Holden Village. We let go of concerns about being in such a remote location without access to such things. It was easier to be disconnected from the outside world for a few days than some expected.

"Renewed" by: Conversations, laughter, and shared meals with people in our group, as well as Holden Village staff and other guests. Being surrounded by the majestic beauty of mountains, river, stars, meteors flashing across the sky, wildlife such as butterflies, deer, and even bold chipmunks. Remoteness of Holden Village. Singing with others and sharing the gift of music. Worshiping together. Quiet time alone or with others when desired. Many available activities, such as hiking, reading, weaving, puzzles, watercolor painting, afternoon ice cream, Bible studies, and guest teachers.

"Re-Turn" to: God's call to care for our planet Earth, other people, and ourselves through Holden Village's practices of re-using, recycling, healthy eating choices, and being earth friendly and also through the new perspectives given by guest teachers. Face challenges back home after having experienced healing from hurts, strengthening of body, and renewal of whole selves. Home feeling renewed and having experienced God's goodness and protection in a big world.

We left as eleven individuals on a pilgrimage to a sacred place with anticipation, curiosity, anxiousness, or excitement, and we returned home transformed by the places and people we encountered along the way and at Holden Village. We were blessed by time at Holden Village as well as by our travels together.

Compiled by Rev. Julie Johnson



**WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL!**  
 Starting September 28<sup>th</sup> for 7 weeks.  
 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Atonement's sanctuary.  
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*Take heart, daughter.* Matthew 9:22

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# The Season of Creation



In August, I accompanied the multi-congregation trip to Holden Village, one of the most remote continuously inhabited places in the lower 48 states. It is an old mining camp that sits in a beautiful mountain valley. The land bears the scars of past mining operations and of forest fires. It is rugged, isolated and an example of the beauty of God's creative work. At one of the worship services, which was held outside, all those gathered were invited to go explore the world around us and to bring back a token of nature's beauty. I lay on my back, looking at the summer clouds float by, and identifying all of the shapes and animals that appeared and shifted in the sky. In worship this month, we are lifting up God's work in all creation. As partners with the newly named Christians in Action (the chosen common name for our cooperating congregations) we will be introducing a new liturgical season for worship across our congregations. This is our first local exposure to the Season of Creation.

We are familiar with the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter in the rhythm of our worship year. Each gives particular focus to an important part of the life of Jesus. In the Season of Creation, we focus on the gift of creation and God's creative goodness. Our worship will lift up the Universe, Storms, Animals, and the Ocean. Worship leaders will bring a message of God's creative action in these areas to each congregation. The Season of Creation is a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. We will be joining with Christians from around the world in finding space to worship with all of creation. We do this in the midst of our busy lives and at a busy time of year. School is starting, church programs are kicking off, fields are ripening, and the last days of a brief summer are slipping from view. We are invited to join the song of all creation in singing praise to God.

I have led Season of Creation worship at a previous congregation. I encourage you to come and add your voice to the songs of the whales, the beat of the cosmos, and the chaos of wind and rain. Our worship is not limited to care of creation, or themes of environmental stewardship. It is much broader. God is the creator of all and God cares for all of creation. We do not need to travel to a place as remote as Holden Village to find the majesty of God's creative work. (although I encourage you to do so). We only have to open our eyes and see that God is at work all around us, in the grass that grows, the birds that begin to migrate, and in the wind in the trees. As we worship this month, we sing with all creation.

Pr. Erik Weber

# Christians in Action

Seven ELCA congregations that decided to participate in a first set of goals now call this partnership, Christians in Action. A shared website with links to individual congregation websites is located at [NDChristiansAct.org](http://NDChristiansAct.org) Additional information about the shared ministry of our congregations will be posted there in the coming weeks.

Updates on current actions:

## Season of Creation— Worship Series    Explore the Wonders of God’s Creation

September 11	8:30 and 10:45 am at Trinity 9:00 at St. John’s	Theme: Ocean Theme: Ocean	Pastor Susan Haukaas Pastor Erik Weber
September 18	8:30 and 10:45 am at Trinity 9:00 at St. John’s	Theme: Universe Theme: Storm	Pastor Erik Weber Dustin Lien
September 25	8:30 and 10:45 am at Trinity 9:00 at St. John’s	Theme: Storm Theme: Universe	Michelle Watne Pastor Lucinda Lien
October 2	8:30 and 10:45 am at Trinity 9:00 at St. John’s	Theme: Animal Theme: Animal	Pastor Kristi Weber Chris Flann

The call committee from St. John’s and English met with a candidate by Zoom on August 17. Plans for a follow-up meeting are underway.

The search team for a Director of Youth and Family Ministries is made of members (including teens) from Trinity and Atonement. They are developing a position description and expectations for how this staff member will serve the congregations and community. The position has not yet been posted.

**Upcoming Events for 6th-9th Graders**

**Saturday, September 10 9:30-1:00—CLUE**  
(activity in Jamestown)

**Friday - Sunday, September 23-25—Castaway**  
(retreat near Detroit Lakes, Minnesota)

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown	Christ the King, Ellendale	Emmanuel, Gackle	
English, Medina	St. John’s, Jamestown	Trinity, Jamestown	Zion, Kulm

## Community Notices

During the month of September Farmers Market  
– Civic Center - 5 – 7 pm

9/1 – Last day of Down Town Art Center Market  
Place – 5:30 pm

9/11 – James River Exotic Sale – Stutsman Co  
Fairground – 10 am – 9 pm

9/13 – Prairie Rose Garden – 7 pm

9/18 – Bookmobile at National Buffalo Museum  
– 10 am – 11 am

9/19 – Jamestown Community Choir – Middle  
School Choir Room - 7 pm (every Tuesday)

9/24 – Don Wilhelm’s Huntington’s 5K Color  
Run – 7 am

## St. John’s and Trinity Events

9/4 – St. John’s Rock of Ages Communion –  
10 am

9/5 - Church Offices Closed – both Trinity and  
St. John’s

9/6 – Grief Support Meeting – 1 pm

9/7 – Trinity Altar Guild – 9:30 am

9/7 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:15 pm (every  
Wednesday)

9/11 – Beginning of the Season of Creation – 4  
Sundays

9/12 – JAGST Board meeting – St. John’s –  
12:00 pm

9/22 – Trinity Ave Maria Communion – 11 am

9/25 – Trinity Rock of Ages Communion – 1  
pm

## Council Highlight

The council met on Aug. 18th. The council acted to approve the minutes and financial reports from July. The council appointed John Kleven, Russ Geiszler, and Amy Everson to be the St. John’s representatives on the joint call committee with English Lutheran. The Council also acted to accept the mini-Grant offered by Central Valley Health to be a partner in distributing information related to vaccines until June of next year. English Lutheran is a partner on that grant. The council also commended a fund-raising calendar to the congregation (a map of regular and recurring special appeals that helps new special requests land in months that are not overbooked). The most important energy of the meeting was spent trying to articulate the most important thing for the congregation in the coming year. We made some progress but did not distill our many needs into a thematic goal. Work will continue. Char F, the St. John’s representative on the leadership team of Christians in Action gave a report on some of the structural work that is going on right now– including choosing a name and organizing a common banking account for facilitating inter-congregation transfers/payments. Pr. Erik gave an update on the Call Committee. A candidate has been interviewed and the Committee and Candidate are deciding about proceeding. (Note– since the council meeting, the call committee recommended to proceed and the candidate agreed. A visit to the community and 2nd interview are being scheduled). The council heard an update on our internal compliance with our SafeConduct policy, Work continues on the membership review, Employee handbook updates, and staff position description reviews. The decision was made to postpone appointing a budget committee and designate outside giving priorities until the Sept. meeting.







## S T E W A R D S H I P



<b>Given For</b>	<b>Given by:</b>
Lindsey Vogel	Ken and Pam Daugs
Lindsey Vogel	Charles and Connie Wells
Lindsey Vogel	Mick and Deb Fode
Bernean Franke	Carl and Sandy Franke
Pearl Hendrix	LaDona Tarno
Lindsey Vogel	Gem Saied

# Giving Matters

### **ATTENDANCE - St. John's**

	In person	Live	recorded
July 31	62	22	84
Aug 7	60	21	53
Aug 14	73	19	53
Aug 21	65	20	83

**July Income:           \$ 31,729.90**  
**July Expenses         \$ 23,539.66**

**Year to date Income:     \$204,095**  
**Year to date Expense:   \$169,813**

We are current on all of our expenses, and some budgeted repairs are finally happening, such as the drinking fountain replacement and the new building doors.

### **Sept 2022—Radio**

Sept 4           Elroy and Marlys Wiest  
 Sept 11         Roy & Lil Harr  
 Sept 18         Alice Bietz  
 Sept 25         St. John's Media Legacy Fund

### **Sept 2022—Flowers**

Sept 4           Darwin and Pauline Roeske  
 Sept 11         Roy & Lil Harr  
 Sept 18         Gem Saied  
 Sept 25         Tom and Joan Enderle

*If you are thinking about sponsoring radio broadcast and/or Altar flowers in 2023. Please contact the church office to reserved the date.*

*There are many that have yearly reservation and there are limited opening for both.*

*Thank you for your sponsorship.*

### **How would it work?**

A joint call committee is working to call an Associate Pastor to serve at St. John's and English Lutheran in Medina. In one possible option— St. John's and English would each contribute half of the total compensation of the new pastor. Part of English's contribution would be the parsonage in Medina.

Pr. Erik and the new pastor would both serve both congregations in partnership-specific duties would be developed for the good of each congregation. The same person would preach at both congregations on a given Sunday.

Trinity Lutheran would drop out of the active pastoral leadership of English Lutheran, but we would all still be participating in Christians in Action, so the opportunities for future collaboration would continue to exist.

# ***Thank you Streaming Team***

**John and Cindy Kleven  
Char Perleberg  
Gary Staab  
Lynn Krueger  
Connor Ede  
Camden Kutz**

*Thank  
You*

## ***Special Thank you***

### ***Readers***

**Sandy Franke  
Char Gumke  
Hannah and Ian Sjostrom  
Pauline Roeske  
Jim Ritter  
Brett Theilges  
Jeanne Rosemore  
Joan Enderle  
Cindy Wolff  
Tara and Ty Kapp  
Caroline Windingland  
Gavin Kutz  
Tanya and Braxton Perkins  
Matt and Bennett Goehner**

And many others that I forgot.  
Thank you one and all.

## ***Women of the Church News***

Women of the Church would like to thank everyone who helped to make our rummage sale a success. We couldn't do it without your help. A big thank you to all the men who set up our racks and tables and then took them down again, and to the women for your help in various places. A special thank you to Joan and Dorothy for all their hard work, to Tom and Daniel for carrying treasures in and out of the church and to Daniel for taking the left overs to Valley City. Whatever you did we really appreciate you. We made \$2409.80 which will be used for mission projects. Quilters mark your calendar for September 21st for the Quilters Appreciation, invitations to follow.



## ***Rummage Sale Treasures***



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~ 9:00 am

Wednesday Confirmation  
~ 4:00 pm - Worship

**Holy Communion**

All Worship Services

Church Office 701-252-1198

Preschool/Child Care 701-252-1903

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email: [stjohns@st-johnslutheran.org](mailto:stjohns@st-johnslutheran.org)

**STAFF OF  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**

**Senior Pastor**  
Erik Weber

**Admin Secretary/  
bookkeeper**  
Gem Saied

**Custodian**  
Frank Perleberg

**Child In Our Hands**  
Valerie Ford - Interim

**Choir Accompanist/Pianist**  
Connie Wells

***Rally Sunday  
September 11, 2022  
10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall  
Registration  
Fun and Games***

