

Trinity Lutheran Church New Richland

NEWS LETTER

🍂 Fall is in the air at Trinity Lutheran! 🍂

We're excited to welcome the sounds, energy, and joy of children returning and families gathering again. A new season brings fresh opportunities to learn, grow, worship, and share in fellowship together.

With harvest fast approaching, we're also looking forward to the beauty and abundance of the season—and all the ways our church community comes together to give thanks and lend a helping hand.

There's something special about this time of year: crisp mornings, changing leaves, full tables, busy classrooms, and grateful hearts. ❤️

We're thankful for our Trinity Lutheran family and excited for all that this fall has in store. Welcome back, kids! Welcome, fall! And let's give thanks for the harvest ahead.



September
2026



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 SCHOOL





HELPERS



MEMORIES BEING MADE



Sunday School 2026

- Sept 13th Kick off to the Sunday School Year
- Sept 20th Classroom
- Sept 27th Classroom
- Oct 11th Classroom
- Oct 25th Classroom
- Nov 8th Christmas Program Practice Begins
- Nov 15th Christmas Program Practice
- Nov 22nd Christmas Program Practice
- Nov 29th Christmas Program Practice
- Dec 6th Dress Rehearsal
- Dec 13th Christmas Program



PRESCHOOL BIBLES

JOIN US
SEPTEMBER 13

🕒 3 year old



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New Prayer App for Families with Kids!

Busy parents and other primary caregivers may feel overwhelmed by the idea of developing a daily prayer practice. Unbridled Prayers can help! This easy-to-install app posts a prayer a day that parents can view. Prayers offer support, understanding, and a touch of humor. Parents can choose from prayers for early childhood, elementary, and preteen to match their kids' ages.



Scan below or search
UnbridledPrayers.app in your browser
and follow the steps to add the app to
your phone's home screen.

SCAN
ME!



Calling All Knitters and Crocheters!

If you knit or
crochet, we are in
need of more
prayer shawls for
our ministry.
Prayer shawls
provide comfort,
support, and a
reminder of God's
love to those
facing difficult
times.

If you would like
to help, please
contact the church
office. Your talents
are a blessing to
others!

Join Our BIBLE STUDY

Let's grow in faith together through Scripture,
discussion, and prayer.

Will have an open discussion on
topics and dates and times for the fall

Sunday, September 6th
AFTER WORSHIP

✧ *Invite a friend.*

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COFFEE

Coffee & Conversation

Coffee and Conversation invites you to join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments. If you are willing to help with hosting, serving, or providing treats, please reach out to Pam.



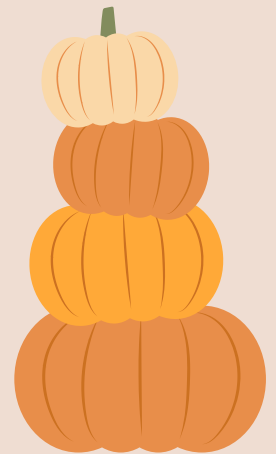
F.I.S.H FUN IN SERVING HIM

FISH Begins September 15!
Please let the church office know if your child(ren) will be attending FISH, beginning Tuesday, September 15. This helps us prepare for the year ahead and make sure we have enough materials, activities, and support for all of our youth participants.
We look forward to another great year of learning, fellowship, and growing together in faith!

DATES

- September 15 & 29
- October 6 & 27
- November 10 & 17
- December 1 & 8
- more dates to come for the new year

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hello
FALL



JOIN US IN PRESENTING OUR
**3RD GRADERS
WITH A BIBLE**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH
Trinity Lutheran Church - New Richland
PASTOR PEG WOULD LIKE TO MEET IN THE LOUNGE
FOLLOWING WORSHIP WITH 3RD GRADERS AND PARENTS TO
DISCOVER YOUR NEW BIBLE

First Communion
Sunday, November 1

Students entering 5th grade are invited to participate in First Communion.

More information about preparation classes and registration will be shared with families soon. If you have a 5th-grade student and would like them to participate, please watch for upcoming details or contact the church office with any questions.

We look forward to celebrating this special milestone in your child's faith journey!

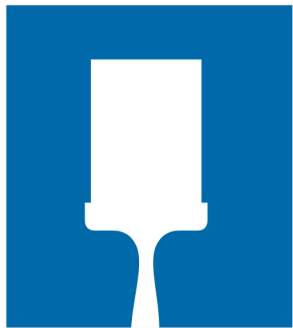
First Communion



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God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service!

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,300 congregations participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” day of service. Across the country, thousands of members will work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands! Contact us for more information:

Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday September 13th, 2026 - RALLY DAY!

New Richland Clean UP -Everyone is invited

Pizza & Popcorn to follow clean-up

Come join in the fun and fellowship!





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Blessing of the Farmers Sunday, September 20

Join us for worship as we offer a Blessing of the Farmers in thanksgiving for all who work the land and care for God's creation.

We invite farmers, farm families, agricultural workers, and all who support our farming communities to be part of this special service. Together, we will give thanks for the harvest, pray for safety, wisdom, and strength, and ask God's continued blessing on the work of their hands.

All are welcome as we celebrate and pray for those who faithfully provide food and care for God's creation.

We'd love for you to read at our service next Sunday. Would you be willing?



September Service Project: CADA

Dear Congregation,
We have an opportunity to support CADA (Committee Against Domestic Abuse) and local women and families in our community who may be experiencing difficult circumstances.

We are collecting feminine hygiene products, such as pads, tampons, and panty liners, to help meet an important everyday need. These items are often overlooked, but they can make a meaningful difference for someone who is already facing challenging circumstances.

If you are able, please consider donating feminine hygiene products and bringing them to the church. Every donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors and show Christ's love through practical kindness and generosity.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2

Thank you for your support!

Highway Cleanup
Trinity Lutheran Church
will be doing our
highway cleanup on
September 20 after
worship.

If you are willing to help,
please see a council
member. We appreciate
everyone who can lend a
hand to help keep our
community looking
great!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - NEW RICHLAND



**Let your roots grow down into Him
and let your lives be built on Him**

Colossians 2:7

Porch Pots

Trinity Lutheran Church WELCA will be offering porch pots again this year!

Order deadline: November 15

Pick-up: November 21

These beautiful porch pots are a great way to add some seasonal color to your home or give as a gift. Please get your orders in by November 15.



Little Things Matter

Stewardship isn't always about doing something big. Often, it is the little things we do each day that make the greatest difference. A phone call to someone who is lonely, a kind word, a helping hand, a meal shared, a prayer offered, or simply taking the time to listen can brighten someone's day. At Trinity Lutheran and in our small community, every act of kindness matters. God can use even our smallest gifts of time, talent, and love to make a difference in the lives of others. Never underestimate what a little kindness can accomplish.

With heartfelt thanks and every blessing,
Trinity Lutheran Council Stewardship Committee

**Positive
YOUTH
Development**

Let your heart
give you
JOY
in the days
of your
youth.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



F.I.S.H.

Sign - Up
TODAY

Join us after school!



**2ND -5TH
GRADERS**

Fun In Serving Him



DAY

Tuesday's



TIME

3:30pm -5:00pm



LOCATION

Church Basement

NAME

**PARENT
SIGNATURE**

CONTACT

Has the right to publish photos of your child ☐

Your child will be playing outside at time. If an injury were to occur you will be contacted immediately ☐

Parents will be responsible for child/ren if injured while on church grounds ☐

LEARN, GROW, HAVE FUN!

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DAILY DEVOTIONS

Daily devotion books are available for you to take home. Please feel free to take one and spend time each day in God's Word, prayer, and reflection.

Calling All Quilters

Trinity Lutheran Quilters
The quilters meet
On Mondays
9:00—11:00 am.
More hands are always
WELCOME!

PASTOR Peg WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Though it may vary week to week,
Pastor Peg's schedule will usually be:
Working in New Richland
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and
Sunday, Working from home ~ Monday
Days Off ~ Friday and Saturday
Pastor Peg may be reached
seven days a week by calling or texting
301-639-3099 Or email
pastorpeg2021@gmail.com

St. Olaf Cemetery

If you ever have any questions about St. Olaf Cemetery – questions about current plots you own or questions about purchasing new plots, please contact Ryan Tucker. He can be reached on his cell phone: 320-309-7924. Please leave a message, if needed, and Ryan will return your call.

A joyful reminder to our families

If you have welcomed a new little one into your home, we would love to celebrate the gift of baptism with you! Please contact the church office to schedule your child's baptism. We look forward to sharing in this special milestone with your family.

COFFEE HOUR

WELCA Meeting

September 20, 2026
After Worship in
Fellowship Hall

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In Need of prayer?

Prayer is an important part of Supporting people who are ill or struggling. If you or a family member would like to be on our public prayer list, please contact the Church office. Those we are lifting up in prayer include: Amy Ferber, Gary Oppedal, Alex Merritt

FUNDING OUR MINISTRY

NEED OFFERING ENVELOPES? Please contact the church secretary when you need more envelopes. If you have any questions about your contributions, please feel free to call Mary Berg, Financial Secretary.

WAYS TO GIVE TO THE MINISTRY OF TRINITY

QR Code We are pleased to offer a QR code option for your church contributions. Simply scan the code to make your offering or donation quickly and securely. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our ministry!



Cash or Check

Place your check or cash in the offering during any service.

Online with Vanco Giving

Online giving is a safe and easy way to support Trinity Lutheran Church. You can schedule new gifts at any time and modify or cancel gifts prior to the date they are scheduled. You can also view your contribution history. An authorization form can be picked up in the office.

Securities

Appreciated securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds) donated to Trinity may provide significant tax benefits to the donor. Gifts of securities may need additional time to process. Plan ahead to make sure transfers are completed by the end of the tax year. Contact the church office

Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

Here is your chance to make a significant gift to Trinity and also protect your estate for your family, loved ones and other organizations. Contact the church office, Jon Meyer, Cyndi Wenzel or Mary Berg.

Thanks for your attendance in Person or Live Streaming as we continue to be the church apart and together. The Funding Ministry and Church Council appreciate your generous support. Your faithful Stewardship is essential for us to continue to support our ministries at Trinity Lutheran.

June 2026	Average Attendance in person was: 40 per worship	<u>Giving</u> \$14,295.00	<u>Expenses</u> -\$11,280.67	Year to Date Giving vs Expenses \$75,006.59 -\$79,433.96 -\$4,427.37
July 2026	Average Attendance in person was: 40 per worship	<u>Giving</u> \$9,925.35	<u>Expenses</u> -\$12,479.22	Year to Date Giving vs Expenses \$84,931.94 -\$91,913.18 -\$6,981.24

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

August Council Meeting

August 12, 2026

Meeting called to order by Natalie Roeker and Pastor Peg opened with Prayer.

Open Forum

Kathy Meyer shared updated changes made to the Constitution. There was discussion regarding the official title of the Church. That will be researched and corrected to match how it is filed with the State.

Mary Berg shared information about the Endowment Fund and that we require 3 members to be assigned. Jon Meyer, Cyndi Wenzel and Mary Berg will serve on the committee.

Reports

June/July Minutes - motion made by Valerie and 2nd by Pam to approve and accepted by council.

June/July Financials - motion made by Tyler and 2nd by Jon to approve and accepted by council.

Education and Youth Report - Kelli reported that Sunday School teachers are signed up through the end of 2026. VBS raised \$45 to donate to Recovery Road Christmas Program material is being reviewed, and a selection will be made by those that will be heading up the program.

Property and Management - The back sidewalk is nearly completed. There will be some landscaping needed once this is final.

Jon reported that the roof needs replacing and we need to consider this as our insurance is due soon. Jon will investigate the cost of this project. Possibly replacing the roof with steel.

Recent inspection of the elevator shows that some corrections are needed to comply with regulations. The cost will be \$1500.00. Tyler made and motion to spend \$1500.00 to make these corrections and was 2nd by Kelli. Motion accepted by council.

There are areas downstairs where water has been present. Jon will keep an eye on this to determine what action is needed.

Worship and Evangelism - Music has been chosen through September 13. The organ pipes need cleaning. We will check with the organ tuner to see if he is able to do that.

Stewardship Report - Counters are secured through next month's council meeting.

President's Report -

Pastor's Report - Pastor Peg shared highlights from July were Installation as settled Pastor. Home and Care Center visits. Met with Altar Guild and Worship Committees. Reviewed Constitution, attended Farm and City Days. Assisted in leading worship in the park and met with local Pastors and Minnesota River Conference Clergy. Pastor also shared dates of continuing education. Pastor informed council that the Bibles handed out to the children need to be replaced to be aligned with ELCA and the constitution bylaws.

Old Business

Jason Lennox would like to return in mid-October.

New Business

Fall Highway Cleanup is scheduled for September 20. Make-up date October 4. Our piano tuner is retiring. Kelli will look into a replacement.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Kelli and 2nd by Jon. Council accepted and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Council will meet September 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Becca Solberg

Pastoral Ponderings

"Let your roots grow down into Him and let your lives be built on Him." Colossians 2:7

VBS 2026 was a faith-filled success! I'd like to thank Kelli VanHal and her crew of helpers (do we have a list we can put in here?) for planting seeds of connectivity "Rooted in God." The kids sang, danced, helped each other memorize the Bible verse from 1 Colossians, prayed, snacked, engaged in physical and creative activities too! Enthusiasm filled the church and it is my hope that we will see all these youth (and their families!), filling the pews this Fall.

Bibles, Bibles, Bibles for everyone! The WORD of God is being placed in the hands of our community at their baptism, as a preschooler, in third grade and in Confirmation Class. These are not just "keepsakes," but meant to be used, and the way that we read and interpret scripture changes and we mature and as we grow in faith. If you do not have a Bible of your own, we can remedy that! Do you have a Bible and don't know how to use it, where to begin, or have questions that need answering? We can find the answers together! Bible study is a lifelong process that all of us can engage in- in fact, let's do it together! C.O.F.F.E.E. – Christ Offers Forgiveness for Everyone Everywhere (otherwise known as "Bible Study"), is open to everyone and our first organizational meeting will be after service on Sunday, Sept. 6. Bring your ideas, thoughts, wishes and let's plan dates, times and topics together.

Ordinary Time – The Season after Pentecost is known as Ordinary time and the color of the season is green. During the service Sept. 13- Nov. 29, when the season of Advent begins, we will be using the Liturgy in Setting 10 in our hymnal. We will be introducing a Hymn of the Month, a song new to the congregation, along with singing hymns that are familiar and go with the theme of worship for that week. You will also begin to see our catechumens, (youth studying for confirmation), begin to take part in serving/leading during worship services.

It is an exciting time to be in ministry together and I am grateful for the ways in which God is using us for God's glory.

WE are Church together,
Pastor Peg



Ushers

Brian Solberg
Mitch Thompson
Al Waldhauser

SEPTEMBER 2026

Altar Guild

Kari Buendorf
Becca Solberg

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship/ Communion	7 SAIL 8:30-9:30 Quilting 9:00	8	9 SAIL 9-10 Council 6	10	11 SAIL 9-10	12
13 Worship/ Communion/ Rally Sunday	14 SAIL 8:30-9:30 Quilting 9:00	15	16 SAIL 9-10	17	18 SAIL 9-10	19
20 Worship/ Coffee Confirmation Class Begins/ WELCA Meeting	21 SAIL 8:30-9:30 Quilting 9:00	22	23 SAIL 9-10	24	25 SAIL 9-10	26
27 Worship/ Coffee/	28 SAIL 8:30-9:30 Quilting 9:00	29	30 SAIL 9-10			

UPCOMING DATES

- **Sept 6** Fall Adult Bible Study Meeting
- **Sept 13** Rally Sunday/ 1st Day of Sunday School/
Pre-K receives Bibles
- **Sept 15** F.I.S.H.
- **Sept 20** Blessing of the Farmers/ WELCA Meeting
- **Sept 27** 3rd Grade Receives Bibles
- **Sept 29** F.I.S.H.
- **Oct 4** Blessing of the Pets
- **Oct 6** F.I.S.H.
- **Oct 25** Red Sunday
- **Oct 27** F.I.S.H.
- **Nov 1** All Saints Sunday/1st Communion
- **Nov 10** F.I.S.H.
- **Nov 17** F.I.S.H.
- **Nov 22** Decorate the Church for Christmas
- **Nov 24** Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7pm
- **Dec 1** F.I.S.H.
- **Dec 4 & 5** Home for the Holiday Concert
- **Dec 6** Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal after Worship
- **Dec 8** F.I.S.H.
- **Dec 11** Blue Christmas
- **Dec 13** Christmas Program
- **Dec 25** Christmas Eve Worship 5pm
- **Dec 27** Breakfast Worship

IMPORTANT