



The Ordination and Installation of Pastor Simon Keegan Niemtschk

THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

Galatians 6:9-10

⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Blessings to my family in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church! As your new pastor it's been my great pleasure to meet and learn from many of you these last weeks. I give thanks to God for sending me to you and thanks to yourselves for your patience as I learn names and fumble my words. Love covers a multitude of sins, and being called as one family in Christ we are called to love. I lament that our church family has seen hardships already, but similarly rejoice that we might share sorrows as well as joys.

In the coming weeks and months I hope to meet with you for a time of fellowship and prayer. The church has included a form at the end of our newsletter this month with guidelines to schedule a visit with the pastor. There's no obligation, but I'd be glad if we could meet. When able, please fill out the attached Pastoral visitation sheet and return it to the church. I'll call to schedule a time that works for both of us. We can meet here at the church, at your home, or whatever location you find most suitable. I'd also like to invite the congregation to receive a house blessing at our visit. Our homes are places where the faith is lived. In bringing God's word to our home, we receive the peace He promises. So please, set times when you might be available. Let's encourage one another in the household of faith and I look forward to seeing you all, sharing our stories and probably learning more from you, than you will from me.

In His service,
Pastor Simon

BOARD OF ELDERS

Stressed?

It is doubtful that any of us can answer that question with a "No". It seems that the world develops more sources of stress for us every day. Our parents and grandparents did not have to worry that their cell phone or computer had failed when most needed. If the telephone on the wall worked, they could communicate. Our great grandparents need not have worried when their car did not start on a freezing Sunday morning. If the horse was in good shape they could get to church. Our disposition to panic in stressful situations comes naturally, and what do we do? Well, God gives us the answer. Jesus

concludes his instruction regarding our anxiety with “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself” (Matthew 6:34) and the psalmist tells us to “Be still and know that I am God”(Psalm 46:10). With the help of God through our fervent prayers, stress can abate and we can move on in His service.

Dick Dommers, Elder

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met on Sunday, July 12th after service in the library. Four members were in attendance. Two topics were on the agenda for this meeting, the purchase of Arch books and when Sunday School would start back up for the Fall.

Arch Books for Children: The members of the committee had suggested purchasing the Arch books to put in with the Thanksgiving Baskets and with the Youth Christmas Gift Tree gifts. The members present voted to include the books as part of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Projects. Wilma Jaecks, the executor of Verna Fladhammer memorial funds, volunteered to purchase all the books needed for both projects. It was decided that two books would be purchased for each family per project. The books will be purchased at a later date for more accurate numbers.

First Day of Sunday School: The committee decided that Sunday School would start for the 2026-2027 school year on Sunday, August 23rd at 9:00 am.

There was no other business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Yours in Christ,
Susan Kelly, Director of Education

LWML RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH and SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

TIME: 8 AM TO 12 NOON

Rummage Sale – Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8 are the dates of the annual LWML Rummage Sale. There is a small amount of storage room in the middle Sunday School Room and in the East Shed. You are welcome to leave stuff, if you find room. It would be helpful to save your rummage donations until the week of the sale, but please have them here by Thursday morning August 6, so the items can be sorted and priced. If you need pick-up service, call Nora Sotak 575-439-7524.

NEWS FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S LIBRARY

Hello from your friendly Church Librarian. I am writing to remind you that we have a church library that contains books on Theology, Evangelism, History, Worship, Bibles, Bible Commentaries, Bible Study Guides and more. Looking for a new Bible Study, check out the library. Looking for a good commentary to aid you in your Bible study, check out the library.

Pastor Stevens and Pastor Heithold donated many books to the library and I need more room to shelve them so here is my solution. The library contains lots and lots of adult novels. None of the novels have been checked out since January 2026, so I am going to purge the library of the novels. They will be for sale at the LWML Rummage Sale. I am updating the book catalog as I add the donated books to the library so I don't have a current printed catalog. If you are looking for a specific book or type of book, let me know and I will look it up for you.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Nora Sotak, Church Librarian

TRINITY STEWARDSHIP

Using our Gifts

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

The Apostle Paul uses the example of the body and its parts to teach the lesson of the unity in, the same way team members need to rely on each other. All believers have been gifted by the Holy Spirit and given purpose and meaning in Christ's kingdom for witnessing, serving, and giving. The body is not functional if some of the parts are not working, for the emphasis is upon its unity and being functional. Paul is obviously discouraging believers, members of Christ's Body, from comparing themselves with others, or from thinking they do not have a real purpose or value, or believing they can just simply rest and do nothing. Therefore, he writes our bodies have many parts—hands, arms, feet, legs, ears, noses, etc. No matter how many parts we can name, it is only one body. Every body part is just as God wanted it to be and all are important. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don't need you.” And the head cannot say to the foot, “I don't need you.” On the contrary those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and work together. He has also given the Church such valuable members, each of whom have special gifts and interests which enable His Church to fulfill its ministry of sharing the Gospel with all people.

Dear Lord, thank you for the gifts and talents you've given to your Church. Grant us the desire to use our lives and our blessings for your glory. Amen.

In Jesus Name

Chris Schlehuser, Stewardship Co-chair

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EVANGELISM

Save-The-Date:

- 1) The **2026 Christian Culture Conference** will be held Saturday September 12, 2026 from 8:30 – 4:00.
- 2) The **2026 Trunk-or-Treat** event will happen Saturday, October 31st. Trunk set-up will be from 2-4 and the event will run from 4-6.

The mission for July & August is the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund: The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund was established to supplement the Synod subsidy by directly soliciting the church for charitable donations. Gifts to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund are

restricted exclusively to supporting both of our world-class seminaries. Our LCMS seminaries have only three sources of operating revenue: 1) Investment income from endowment, 2) Tuition paid by students after financial aid is awarded (often in the form of student loans), & 3) Financial gifts graciously supplied by God's people.

Track of the month: What about the Apostle's Creed by A.I. Barry. Answers the following questions: *What do we confess about God the Father, God the Son and about the Holy Spirit? Why do we use creeds?* Pick one up in the Narthex the next time you pass by the spinning track rack at church.

The Evangelism and Stewardship committees will meet again on Monday August 10th at 5:30 in the Bible Study Room.

Merry Zumwalt, Evangelism Chair

The Church remembers Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor

"Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) is acknowledged as one of the most famous and gifted composers in the Western World. Orphaned at the age of ten, Bach was mostly self-taught in music. His professional life as conductor, performer, composer, teacher, and organ consultant began at age nineteen. He began in the town of Arnstadt and ended in Leipzig where for the last twenty-seven year of his life, he was responsible for all the music in the city's four Lutheran churches. In addition to being a superb keyboard artist, the genius and bulk of Bach's vocal and instrumental compositions remain overwhelming. A devout Lutheran, he is especially honored in Christendom for his life-long insistence that his music was written primarily for the liturgical file of the Church to glorify God and edify His people."

"Almighty God, beautiful in majesty and majestic in holiness, You have taught us in holy Scripture to sing Your praises and have given to Your servant Johann Sebastian Bach grace to show forth Your glory in his music. Continue to grant this gift of inspiration to all Your servants who write and make music for Your people. That with joy, we on earth may glimpse Your beauty and at length know the inexhaustible richness of Your new creation in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

AUGUST 2026 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Aug. 2 Dick Dommers
Aug. 9 Allen Burmeister
Aug. 16 Matt Clark
Aug. 23 Bob Klose
Aug. 30 Dick Dommers

TELLERS

Aug. 2 Joyce Macon & Nora Sotak
Aug. 9 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley
Aug. 16 Wilma Jaecks & Vicki Leonard
Aug. 23 Dick Dommers & Merry Zumwalt
Aug. 30 Nora Sotak & Linde Van Cleave

HOSTS

Aug. 2 Wilma Jaecks &
Cheryl Sandenaw
Aug. 9 Cody & Merry Zumwalt
Aug. 16 Hannah Keeler & Susan Kelly
Aug. 23 Jim & Diane Kline
Aug. 30 Robert & Stacy Johnson

SOUND TECH

Aug. 2 Jim Kline
Aug. 9 Vicki Leonard
Aug. 16 Sheri Cortez
Aug. 23 Matt Anderson
Aug. 30 Jim Kline

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Cody & Merry Zumwalt

AUGUST ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sheila Anderson & Wilma Jaecks

USHERS

Aug. 2 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Bev Van Duyn
Aug. 9 Susan Kelly, Norbert Sanchez
Glen & Christine Schlehuser
Aug. 16 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Bob and Tammy Thede
Aug. 23 Cameron Maltz, Gerald Moore
Irvin Torres, Cody Zumwalt
Aug. 30 Volunteers

MUSIC

Michael Cortez

AUGUST FLOWERS

Aug. 2 Pastor John & Beverly Flamme
Aug. 9 Bob & Susan Kelly
Aug. 16 Matt & Jill Clark
Aug. 23 Bob & Jan Thede
Aug. 30 John Marquardt

WHY ME?

When we're faced with unexpected hardship, our first impulse is often to ask, "Why me, O God? Why me?"

Yet when a blessing comes our way, we receive it with gratitude and rarely ask the same question: "Why me, O God? Why me?"

----ChurchArt, August 2026

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH PASTORAL VISITATION & HOUSE
BLESSING SIGN-UP FORM**

Beloved in the Lord,

It's my great joy to at last be united in worship and fellowship with you at Trinity Lutheran Church. As we grow together, I'm anxious to introduce myself and meet my new family in Christ. If you're interested, this form is intended to schedule a time over the next few months when you might be available. If you have the opportunity, please fill out this form and return it to the church office. I look forward to building each other up in Christ. -**Pastor Simon**

YOUR INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

TYPE OF VISIT (check all that apply)

☐ **Home Visit** — Pastor comes to your home to meet, for conversation, pastoral care and prayer.

☐ **Church Visit** — You meet with Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church

☐ **Additional House Blessing** — A short rite with blessing and prayer for your home and household, asking God's protection, peace, and presence to dwell there.

☐ **Additional communion** — Pastor will bring individual communion for you and any available family. (Number to commune: _____)

MY AVAILABILITY & PREFERRED TIME SLOTS

Please mark days of the week and times when you are generally free. We will do our best to accommodate your schedule. Days available: ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday

☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday

Preferred time of day:

☐ Morning (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM) ☐ Afternoon (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

☐ Early Evening (4:00PM –)

Any concerns for specific dates or times. (We will work hard to accommodate. Some visits may be delayed.) _____

Thank you for allowing me this honor of serving you. I will call soon to confirm a time that works well for both of us. Until then, may Christ grant you His peace

In His service, Pastor Simon Niemtschk
