



# Trinity Times September 2021

## Pastor Tim Nappe's Paragraph

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September  
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***"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."***

*(Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

The next time we turn the page on the calendar, we will flip over to September, 2021. That will mark the end of the first year and the beginning of the second year of ministry at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sibley! I started as your interim pastor last year on September 1, 2020.

Our lives are a series of cycles and seasons that rotate through our lives. We experience Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Right now, we are experiencing the "back to school" season, the beginning of football season, and the very first signs of the harvest season. Many have been picking and canning things from their garden and soon the farmers will move into the fields to gather up the harvest of corn and beans.

Whether we are talking about sports, school, church, or family, we all are familiar with cycles and seasons. Here at church, September will bring the start of Sunday School, confirmation, choir, and other activities. Soon, we will be turning our attention from summer and vacations to the holidays of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Covid-19 disrupted the cycles and seasons for families, churches, schools, and businesses over the last year and a half. Everyone is anxious to return to the predictability and routine of a normal schedule. Most churches in our area and around the country want to try to get back to as close as normal as possible.

For Bev and I, September also brings our annual trip to West Africa. We missed last year for the first time in many years. This year, we are planning to go and it will mark our eighth trip to Ghana. I hope that you will be praying for us and we appreciate your support of this ministry.

Our plan is to leave on September 10<sup>th</sup> and return on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We will miss two Sundays, the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. If any emergencies arise, please contact Pastor Steve Swenson or Pastor Terry Simms. Corinne at the church office will be happy to help with any emergencies as well.

Even though Bev and I will be the ones who are traveling, I hope that you will be a part of our trip by praying for us and following our itinerary. Your prayers and support are essential to a safe and successful journey. We need your prayers to protect us from sickness, accident, and other travel issues that can arise. We also seek your prayers for our gatherings with the missionaries and pastors. We want our sessions to be inspiring and uplifting for all who will be involved.

Even though we are looking forward to our trip, we will also be anxious to get back and participate with you in all the activities happening this fall at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church! Be praying for our ministry here as well! Thank you to all who have helped us with the transition to our new home. We are looking forward to serving with you in the years to come.

Blessings to you in the cycles and seasons yet to come!

*Pastor Tim Nappe*

# September Worship Notes

*1st Sunday Bucket of Bucks for ATLAS, other Sundays Noisy Offering Bright Beginnings (Sibley Daycare)*

**September 5, Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost:** 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion. Mark 7:24-37. Dear Jesus, our Healer and Deliverer, Protect us from evil and deliver us from sickness, worry, and fear.

**September 12, Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost:** 10:00 am Worship. Mark 8:27-38. Dear Lord, give us the insight that we need to recognize you as Lord and Savior, and then empower us to serve as your faithful disciples through lives of service.

**September 19, Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost:** 10:00 am Worship. Mark 9:30-37. Holy God, we pray for humility. May we place the needs of others before our own and place your will as our highest priority.

**September 26, Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost:** 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion. Mark 9:38-50. Our Heavenly Father, as we learn to follow and obey you, help us to set aside those things that hinder us. May we let go of the earthly things, that we may fully embrace the heavenly things.

## EMERGENCYCONTACTS

*While Pastor Tim and Bev are on their Mission Trip to Africa, September 10-24*

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## THANK YOU'S

- Sincere thanks and appreciation for all the love and concern shown us through all the health concerns for Don. We are so very grateful for all the prayers and other acts of kindness. We as a congregation are blessed with Pastor Tim and a loving church family. In God we trust. Sincerely, Don, Brenda, Taylor, Heather, Alyssa and Matt
- TEAM TRINITY would like to thank our congregation and the community for supporting our limited fundraising efforts this past year. We were able to donate \$9,200.00 to the American Cancer Society at the Relay for Life Event on August 4.
- TELC has a new website set up by John French. His Company is JBE Photo & Design. The initials stand for John Brenna and Elizabeth. The site is <https://sibleytelc.org>. Thank you John & Brenna for all the hours you put in getting the site up and running.
- Thank you to the following for helping with meals on wheels in August, Linda Klaahsen, Linda Fick, Barb Schuster, Sandy Eben, Phyllis Kruger and Brenda Tutje.
- Thank you to Brenna French for taking and printing the pictures of our new members, Pastor Tim & Bev Nappe, Keith & Marvella Klaahsen, and Alan & Carol Seivert.

# TELC COUNCIL MINUTES for 8.10.2021

**Call to order:** Brandon called the meeting of the TELC council to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Sharon Gradert, Sandy Olson, Luci Ferrin, Sheryl Peters, John French, Luc Johnson, Paul Hensch, Adam Henning, Brandon Rusche, Brenda Rosenberg, Steve Onken, Arlene Kuehl and Pastor Nappe. Absent: none.

**Devotions and Prayer:** Pastor read John 6 vs 35 God's promise to all who believe is eternal life. He followed with prayer.

## **Pastor's Report:**

Sunday Worship Service in July:

July 4<sup>th</sup>, communion, holiday weekend, Attendance – 51

July 11<sup>th</sup>, Vacation Bible School Program, Blessing of the Bicycles, Potluck dinner after church. Attendance – 99

July 18<sup>th</sup>, Community worship at the fairgrounds – Attendance – nice showing

July 25<sup>th</sup>, was a normal Sunday, Attendance – 54

Visitation:

I visited all three care centers on August 4<sup>th</sup>

I have had several hospital visits, both in person and over the phone.

I had private communion services with 3 in their own homes.

I talked to several prospective members in person and on the phone.

I had opportunities to visit with members and visitors at the Helmers funeral and the Hibbing wedding.

Tuesday night Bible Study has continued using "The Wired Word."

I participated in committee meetings this month: Executive Committee, Worship and Music, Church Council.

I met with the Helmer's family to finalize the plans for Lawrence's funeral service conducted on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I finished the marriage preparation with Matt Ackermann and Alyssa Hibbing. Rehearsal was July 30<sup>th</sup> and the wedding on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Looking ahead, I am planning the confirmation curriculum and considering adult Sunday School material.

I have and am spending time packing, moving and setting up bank accounts, renters and health insurance.

Future Considerations:

When or where would we have the Polka Fest? Octoberfest? Consensus seemed to be to have it on a Saturday afternoon/evening with an outdoor brat cookout.

Do we have a goal for a service where we burn the mortgage before the end of the year?

Possibly mix it in with a Stewardship Sunday?

School is starting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Confirmation starting with an informational meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Any interest in a Men's, Women's, Couples groups or Bible Study?

Schedule for upcoming Sundays to the end of the year:

Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, Communion at the rail, 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, Pulpit Supply, Jeremy Haugen, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, Continuous communion, New Members Sunday, Campers share their experience, 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, We host outdoor service with Methodists, Prayer for kids going back to school, 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, Methodists host outdoor service at 9AM, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, Communion at the rail, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost, Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, Rally Day, Ghana trip, need pulpit supply, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, Ghana trip, need pulpit supply, no communion, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, I'm back, Communion at rail, Installation of Sunday School teachers, 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Oct. 3rd, May be traveling to LCMC event in Hilliard, Ohio, may need pulpit supply, postpone communion to Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, Continuous Communion, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, Mission Festival Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday, Communion at the rail 5 Confirmands: Erika Rosenberg, Reagan Rusche, Brianna Taylor, Cayden Wingate, Natalie Wollmuth, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

# TELC COUNCIL MINUTES Continued

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, All Saints Sunday, Communion at the rail, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, Christ the King Sunday, Continuous communion 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Sanctuary decorated for Christmas  
Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Communion at the rail  
Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Sunday School Christmas Program  
Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Continuous communion  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

**Additions to the Agenda:** There were none.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Brenda and seconded by Adam to approve the minutes. All voted AYE.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Luc and second by Steve to approve the Treasurer's report. All voted AYE.

Checking Balance	54,808.73
Folker's Endowment	1,687.11
Parsonage	108.55
Building Fund	5,649.56
Security Cameras	365.00
Furnace	8,721.57
SE Entry Repair	9,037.81
Emergency	7,500.00
Sunday School	1,236.79
Line of Credit	0.00

## Committee Reports:

**Worship:** It was recommended to keep the Polka Fest and Harvest Meal separate. Harvest meal will be November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Christian Ed:** A list of possible Sunday School students has been made and a letter inviting and encouraging them to attend Sunday School will be sent.

**Stewardship:** Nothing to report.

**Building and Property:** Parsonage peak and garage doors have been painted. The east wall of the Sunday School wing is being looked at for installation of the cement board. The gutters are being looked at to avoid the run over. The windows were washed last Friday at the parsonage and the church. A member has offered to pay for this service.

**Execs:** To help have everyone aware of the Church Guidelines for Use of Church Facilities, Arlene asked Corinne to include this in our council packets.

Suggestion/Feedback Box for July were:

- \* More patriotic music every Sunday-shared this with Lola; she will work a song in every 2-3 months if it fits with the message.
- \* Have Pastor greet us as we leave church-shared with Pastor Tim.
- \* To go back to using wine goblets when serving communion at the rail. - it was discussed at the 7-27 worship committee meeting to resume this August 1st.
- \* Resume Bucket of Bucks to involve kids – discussed at worship committee meeting to resume this the 1st Sunday in Oct.

# TELC COUNCIL MINUTES Continued

## Old Business:

The constitution has been sent to the members for review. Comments need to be received by November to be voted on at the annual meeting. A few comments have been received so far.

Luc reported on the bell tower. It has not been worked on since 1987. It was stuck by lightning in 1986. A cost of \$525 for the first hour and \$135 for each hour after that would be the cost to look at the tower. Pictures of the bell tower will be taken and sent to them for an estimate to repair. John will get more drone pictures and Steve said the city might be willing to use the boom truck to take someone up there to get pictures also.

John has installed the internet to the parsonage, and it is working well. Brandon will notify for the cancellation of the parsonage internet line and for the phone line.

New member Sunday is this week. Sandy offered to make and donate the bar-b-que. Several have signed up to bring salads and desserts. The youth will help with serving beverages and cleanup in place of coffee fellowship. Sharon had ordered the buns and available council is asked to help with serving

Pastor and Bev will be moving on Saturday, and several have signed up to help with vehicles and trailers. Arlene will prepare and serve lunch to the workers.

Pastor will double check with Pastor Swenson that the dates are correct for the joint service with the Methodists.

## New Business:

A member has donated \$10,000.00 to be used where we felt it was most needed. It was decided to place it in the emergency fund at this point with possible use in the Building Fund.

A company from Milford has looked at the sound system and made a few adjustments. They stated we may want to look at replacing the system at some time. It would be a cost of \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 to replace it. At this time, we will not do anything.

Brenda Tutje talked to Arlene about doing some refreshing in the church. The cross on the end of the pews be changed to possibly off white and to make the mission statement visible from the front of the church. A go ahead to check in the costs to do this was given to Brenda.

A date to do fall cleanup will be set later as the leaves fall. There are some trees that need some branches removed also.

Members for the Nomination Committee will need to be gotten. Luc volunteered to be on the committee.

Sandy Eben has offered to make the Confirmation Stoles but needs measurements and other input ASAP. A motion was made by Luc and seconded by Sheryl to purchase robes for the students at a cost of \$20.00 each. Six will be ordered.

Third Sunday communion will be continuous and intinction will be possible after COVID. Communion Sundays will adjust as to pastor's availability.

A motion was made by Luci & seconded by Sandy to give the noisy offering for August to Bright Beginnings. All voted AYE.

The TELC Soup and Pie supper will be September 29<sup>th</sup>. The youth will be asked to help with beverage serving, table cleanup and help with carrying trays.

Sheryl asked for help at the Burger Barn on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. She needs a griller and 2 or 3 serving.

Dates to remember:

- \*Council Prep Meeting, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM
- \*Council Meeting, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM
- \*August 14<sup>th</sup>, Move Pastor and Bev
- \*August 15<sup>th</sup>, New Member Sunday/Potluck
- \*Sundays September 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Pastor is gone to Africa

Treats and Teller for September is Brenda Rosenberg

Motion was made by Brenda and seconded by Adam to adjourn the meeting. All voted AYE.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Kuehl

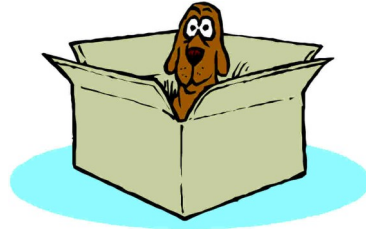
# September Birthdays



2	Jarrett Van Wyk
6	Vern Stofferan Tricia Van Wyk
7	Josh Tutje Emma Plueger
10	Sue Wunder
15	Patty Wollmuth Brandon Rusche
18	Linda Fick Janice Grave Barb Schaff
20	Chrissy Omen
23	Amber Taylor
24	Carson Renner
26	Todd Howard Greg Onken
28	Camden Hodapp
30	Julie Behrens Kaden Wilson Amber Henning

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## Special Services & Events



Thank you to everyone that helped with moving Pastor Tim, Bev & little Nisse



**TELC SOUP & PIE SUPPER**  
Wednesday, September 29th  
Serving 5:00-7:00pm  
Signup sheets in the fellowship hall



**BIBLES PRESENTED:** Bibles will be presented to Kindergarten and 3rd grade students during church service on September 12th at 10:00am.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES START DATE:** 7th & 8th Confirmation Classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept 1st at 5:45pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL START DATE:** Sunday School will start at 9am on Sept. 12th.

**YOUTH GROUP:** TELC Youth Group will start on Wed., Sept. 15th at 7:00pm.



**Wednesday, September 15th at 7:00pm.**

Future practice times will be discussed at the first practice.

If you are interested in being in choir please contact Brenda Krahlung at [jbkrahlung@gmail.com](mailto:jbkrahlung@gmail.com) or 712-461-0687

## Building Fund

<b>Bank loan (due 7/1/2023) 5%</b>	<b>\$ 47,499.10</b>
<b>Bank loan payment every 90 days</b>	<b>\$ 20,169.48</b>
<b>Member loan payments &amp; due dates</b>	
1st member loan int. pymt (Oct & Apr)	<u>\$500.00</u>
2nd member loan int. pymt (Jan & Jul)	\$600.00
Endowment loan int. pymt (May & Nov)	\$900.00
3rd member loan int. pymt (Mar & Sept 1)	<u>\$375.00</u>
4th member loan int. pymt (Mar & Sep. 1)	<u>\$375.00</u>
<b>Total member loans due September 1</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>Total bank &amp; member loan due October 1</b>	<b>\$ 20,669.48</b>
Building Fund Acct. Balance as of August 24	\$ 6,449.94
<i>Still needed for the October payments:</i>	<i>\$ 14,969.54</i>
<b>Member loans (Totaling \$200,000.00)</b>	
1st member loan (renewable yrly) 2% int only	\$50,000
2nd member loan (renewable yrly) 3% int only	\$40,000
Endowment loan (renewable yrly) 3% int only	\$60,000
3rd member loan (renewable yrly) 3% int only	\$25,000
4th member loan (renewable yrly) 3% int only	\$25,000
<b>Total Member loans</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

## Offerings

### July 25, 2021

General Fund: \$4,382.00  
Noisy Offering (Bless You Inc) \$22.55  
Attendance: 54

### August 1, 2021

General Fund: \$1,843.00  
Bucket of Bucks—ATLAS: \$30.59  
Attendance: 51

### August 8, 2021

General Fund: \$3,144.00  
Noisy Offering (Sunday School)—  
\$39.30  
Attendance: 55

### August 15, 2021

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY  
General Fund: \$2,864.00  
Noisy Offering (Sunday School)—  
\$36.69  
Attendance: 73

### August 22, 2021

OUTDOOR WORSHIP METHODIST  
General Fund: \$560.

### August 29

Outdoor Worship at Trinity

# SEPTEMBER

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# Serving At Worship in Sept. & October 2021

## **September 5**

*Organist:* Lois Timmermann  
*Lector:* Brenda Krahling  
*Acolyte:* Griffin Taylor  
*Sound System:* Daryl Tutje  
*Ushers/Greeters:* John & Paula Maxwell  
*Head Ushers:* Bruce Wunder & Brian Seivert  
*Altar Care:* Barb Seivert & Linda Fick  
*Communion Helper/Teller:* Brenda Rosenberg  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Building Fund

## **September 12**

*Organist:* Lola Sjogren  
*Lector:* Paula Beltman  
*Acolyte:* Erika Rosenberg  
*Sound System:* Todd Ackerman  
*Ushers/Greeters:* John & Paula Maxwell  
*Head Ushers:* Bruce Wunder & Brian Seivert  
*Altar Care:* Barb Seivert & Linda Fick  
*Teller:* Brenda Rosenberg  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Love Work Group

## **September 19**

*Organist:* Eileen Schutte  
*Lector:* Jan Henningsen  
*Acolyte:* Evan Beltman  
*Sound System:* Conner Beltman  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Daryl & Brenda Tutje  
*Head Ushers:* Bruce Wunder & Brian Seivert  
*Altar Care:* Barb Seivert & Linda Fick  
*Teller:* Brenda Rosenberg  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Students Grades 7-12

## **September 26**

*Organist:* Lola Sjogren  
*Lector:* Daryl Tutje  
*Acolyte:* Erika Rosenberg  
*Sound System:* Daryl Tutje  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Daryl & Brenda Tutje  
*Head Ushers:* Bruce Wunder & Brian Seivert  
*Altar Care:* Barb Seivert & Linda Fick  
*Communion Helper/Teller:* Brenda Rosenberg  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Team Trinity

## **October 3**

*Organist:* Lola Timmerman  
*Lector:* Luci Ferrin  
*Acolyte:* Becca Woelber  
*Sound System:* Todd Ackerman  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Jan Henningsen & Conner Beltman  
*Head Ushers:* John Maxwell & Don Hibbing  
*Altar Care:* Brenda Hibbing & Patty Dreessen  
*Communion Helper/Teller:* Arlene Kuehl  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Building Fund

## **October 10**

*Organist:* Lola Sjogren  
*Lector:* Sandy Olson  
*Acolyte:* Reagan Rusche  
*Sound System:* Conner Beltman  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Jan Henningsen & Conner Beltman  
*Head Ushers:* John Maxwell & Don Hibbing  
*Altar Care:* Brenda Hibbing & Patty Dreessen  
*Teller:* Arlene Kuehl  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Joy Work Group

## **October 17**

*Organist:* Eileen Schutte  
*Lector:* Paula Beltman  
*Acolyte:* Presley Henning  
*Sound System:* Daryl Tutje  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Ken & Sandy Eben  
*Head Ushers:* John Maxwell & Don Hibbing  
*Altar Care:* Brenda Hibbing & Patty Dreessen  
*Communion Helper/Teller:* Arlene Kuehl  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Students Grades K-6

## **October 24**

*Organist:* Lola Sjogren  
*Lector:* Maralee Onken  
*Acolyte:* Griffin Taylor  
*Sound System:* Todd Ackerman  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Ken & Sandy Eben  
*Head Ushers:* John Maxwell & Don Hibbing  
*Altar Care:* Brenda Hibbing & Patty Dreessen  
*Teller:* Arlene Kuehl  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Team Trinity

## **October 31 next issue**



**PLEASE remember to find a substitute if you are not able to fulfill your assigned time.**