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MISSION

Sunday

October 25

Pancakes and
Sausage served
9:30-11:00am



Trinity Times October 2026

Pastor Tim Nappe's Paragraph

***"And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace,
a message that is able to build you up and to give you
the inheritance among all who are sanctified."***

(Acts 20:32)

This verse comes from Paul's last visit to the church in Ephesus. It was a church where Paul had many friends and where he has spent significant time, preaching and teaching. He had a close connection with the people there and continued to correspond with them, even when they were separated.

In this chapter, Paul is on his way back to Jerusalem, knowing that he may never return. These are some of his final words and blessing to the people there.

First, he commends them to God, trusting that God's hand is the safest place in all the universe to take refuge. He will take care of us eternally!

Next, he commends them to the message of the gospel. It is a message that can build us up in the present and give us an inheritance for the future! This message provides us with a family and community among all who are sanctified! Our eternal future is secure.

Please know that I am praying for you and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a special place in our hearts and lives. You have warmly received and welcomed us here over the last six years. It has been a joy to see the growth and progress of the congregation as you sensed God's plan and direction for your future. Continue to trust Him and listen to Him.

He will never lead you astray! God has a leader in store for you. We don't always know His timing or His purpose, but we can trust that He is always working for our good.

I promise to be praying for you, and I hope that you will also be praying for Bev and I in this next chapter of our lives. You have been a blessing to us. Continue to be a blessing to the community of Sibley and beyond!

Our new address will be:

11229 N 63rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85304.

We plan to have the same email addresses and phone numbers. Feel free to drop us a line, or if you are in the area, we would love to have you drop in!

Pastor Tim

October Worship Notes

1st Sunday Bucket of Bucks for ATLAS, other Sundays, Noisy Offering for Mission

October 4th, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: 11:00 am Worship. Matthew 21:33-46. Communion at the rail. Dear God, thank you for sending your Son into our world. His willingness to suffer and die as one of us has made our salvation possible. May we never take His sacrifice for granted.

October 11th, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: 11:00 am Worship. Matthew 22:1-14. Heavenly Father, we all have many excuses for neglecting our relationship with you. Forgive us. Help us to take the time and energy to listen, serve, and follow you.

October 18th, Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost: 11:00 am Worship. Continuous Communion. Matthew 22:15-22. Gracious God, in creation, we were created in Your image. May we live in such a way that our words, actions, behavior, and activities honor You and show the world that we are Your children.

October 25th, Reformation Sunday: 11:00 am Worship. Matthew 22:34-46. Dear Jesus, thank you for showing us how to love God with all that we have and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to follow those commands and forgive us when we fall short.



Baked Potato Meal

Hosted by Team Trinity

Sunday, November 1

Serving after worship

The meal includes a baked potato with several toppings,
beverage and dessert.

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE Proceeds given to the American Cancer Society.

If you are willing to bring a dessert or help serve please sign up.

Message from Pastor Chris Martin

Greetings to you, my new friends at Trinity!

I'm Pastor Chris Martin, and I will be serving as your part-time Interim Pastor here at Trinity Lutheran Church while you continue the process of calling your next Pastor. My "regular" call is to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheldon, and I am thankful to their council for giving me their blessing and support in taking on this ministry with you, while I continue to serve at St. Paul full time. I also wish to thank my wife of almost 21 years, Lindsay, and our children: Bradon (age 16), Zachary (age 12) and Cassie (age 10) for also giving their consent for me to serve with you, and I hope you are able to find ways to express your appreciation to my family and my congregation for their generosity with my time so that I am able to serve you during your time of need.

To share a little bit about my background with you: I've been a Lutheran pastor for almost 19 years, serving in small town and rural congregations in Iowa, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. I hold certification with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). This will be my second Interim Pastorate, as I served in a similar interim arrangement several years ago with a small congregation in rural Scarville, Iowa following the death of their pastor. Beyond my ministry in the parish, I also currently serve as a member of the Executive Council for the Iowa Mission District of the NALC.

Because I am a full-time Pastor at St. Paul, my service here at Trinity will be a little more limited in scope than a more traditional Interim Pastor's might be. I will be with you on Sunday mornings twice per month, typically the First and Second Sundays of the month, as well as covering Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday worship. I will also be taking care of funerals, making hospital visits, be "on call" for emergencies, and I will be available to help provide pastoral guidance and support for your congregation, your Council, and Call Committee as the need arises. I will also be providing instruction for your Confirmation class this year, and I'm excited to work with your students!

Monday-Saturday, my presence in Sibley will be on an "as needed" basis and, at least for now, I won't be having regular hours in Sibley. If you ever want or need to meet with me, I am more than willing to make an appointment at your convenience to meet you at the church in Sibley or you can meet me at my office in Sheldon if that is more convenient for you. My Day Off at St. Paul is usually on Fridays. If you should need a Pastor at any time, please call or text me at (715) 415-7637 and my email address is pas-torcwmartin@gmail.com. Don't hesitate to reach out when you have a need! This is why I'm here, and I stand ready to serve and support your congregation as you continue the call process for your next Pastor!

For Sunday worship on the dates I am not scheduled to be at Trinity, you will either have supply pastors (I believe Pastor John Jensen will be helping us on some Sundays I am not with you), or lay leaders will be leading your services. For some day-to-day tasks during the week, many of your members will be stepping in to help as well. I wish to thank everyone in advance for your help! It's going to take a team effort by all of us to make this interim period a success, and I look forward to working with you all and perhaps helping you develop new ways of getting involved in the work of God's Kingdom here at Trinity!

My initial term as your Interim Pastor will be 6 months, beginning October 1st and ending March 31st, 2027. It is my sincere hope and prayer that you will have a new pastor in place by then. If it appears your vacancy might extend beyond this time, the councils of Trinity and St. Paul and I will meet to review the arrangement and decide how to proceed beyond that time.

While I'm uncertain how long I'll be with you, and the scope of my ministry with you will be rather limited, I pray that my presence as your Interim Pastor in these coming months will help relieve some of the uncertainty you might be experiencing as you say farewell to our friends Pastor Tim and Bev Nappe, and you begin this time without a regularly called Pastor. As we go through this experience together, I am praying that as we wait for the Lord to answer our prayers for God to send you a new Pastor, that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and lead us to draw you all closer to Christ, have our faith in Him strengthened, give some of you new opportunities to serve that perhaps you didn't imagine in the past, and that perhaps even see the months ahead as an opportunity for Trinity and her members to grow and thrive in new ways we don't envision right now!

I am looking forward to our first service together on Sunday, October 4th, and having the opportunity to serve our Lord with you here at Trinity! As we begin our time together, I encourage you all to continue to support Trinity Lutheran Church with your presence in worship on Sunday mornings, with your prayers for the ministry of your congregation, and with your prayers for me as I take on this ministry with you. May God richly bless the time that we have together, and I will see you all very soon!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Chris Martin

TELC COUNCIL MINUTES for 9.8.2026

Call to Order

President Kim Schnepf called the meeting of the TELC Church Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Kim Schnepf, Sharon Gradert, Alyssa Prins, Vicki Zylstra, Joshua Krahling, Janice Grave, Mary Laverman, Julie Johnson, Barb Schaff

Absent: Ethan Vos, Adam Henning, Jared Onken

Devotions

Led by Pastor

Additions to Agenda

-Lutheran Lakeside Camp

-2027 Offering Envelopes

Pastor's Report

Led by Pastor

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Barb made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Janice. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

General Checking Balance	\$60,832.06
Sunday School	\$243.21
Luther League-Youth Group	\$8,230.58
Ultimate CD – Sibley State Bank	\$55,000.00
91 Day CD – Sibley State Bank	\$55,936.39
91 Day CD – Sibley State Bank	\$27,996.27
Emergency	\$4,434.03
Furnace	\$7,750.00
Future Projects Fund	\$29,418.47
Lent Offerings	\$6,317.00
Lights-Fellowship Hall	\$1,029.00
Folkers Endowment (Maintenance)	\$5,071.26
Missions	\$4,945.00
Parsonage	\$5,350.00
Worship Area TV Screens	\$2,621.35
Security System	\$365.00

Memorial Fund Report

-Balance is \$52,654.39

-Scholarship application process is in progress

-Noisy offering for July and August was given to the Good Samaritan Fund

A motion was made by Vicki to approve the financial reports and seconded by Alyssa. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Worship/Music:

-The committee is looking for volunteers to lead the service for the 4th and 5th Sundays after October

Christian Ed:

-There are enough SS teachers for the upcoming school year

-Renee Haeger will be leading Sunday School singing

-There will be a city wide food find for the youth, and the pizza party will be held at Trinity

-Sunday School curriculum will be ordered

-Teacher installation is coming up

-Confirmation was discussed. There will be a meeting with Pastor Tim on September 13 after church to discuss options.

Stewardship/Evangelism:

-We will be doing the Shoebox ministry this year. There will also be an opportunity to donate \$10 for shipping each box or a donation to go toward filling a box. The deadline for filling a box is November 1.

-Eric Tigges has been approached to speak on Mission Sunday which is October 25. The service will be followed by a pancake breakfast.

Property:

-August projects

☐ Stain Deck

☐ West side lights

☐ Stump removal

☐ Sanctuary TV to be installed on balcony this week

-Winter projects

☐ Parsonage update

Carpet (main level and upstairs), windows, deck door (locking mechanism), bathroom fixture upstairs, main level bathroom vanity, blinds (main level bedrooms) and north garage door

☐ Lights by the southeast entrance (outside office) need to be addressed

☐ Replace wet/damaged ceiling tiles in church

-Spring 2027 projects

☐ Playground equipment

☐ Roof (wood damage under shingles)

☐ Gutters and down spouts

☐ Bricks on southwest corner and bell tower are starting to "crumble" and will need attention

-Looking at property insurance costs and providers

Sharon made a motion, seconded by Mary, to approve the committee reports. Motion carried.

Executive:

Interim Pastor Update:

-Interim Pastor Chris Martin - 1st and 2nd Sundays through March (if still needed)

-Pulpit Supply Pastor John Jensen – 3rd Sunday through March (if still needed)

-4th and 5th Sundays – Need volunteers from the congregation through March (if still needed)

-Service time was discussed. It was decided to change service time to 11:00 with Sunday School at 10:00. Coffee will be at 10:30 if there are volunteers.

Sunday School curriculum for the upcoming school year was discussed. New materials will be purchased.

-Farewell luncheon For Pastor and Bev will be hosted by council

-Offering envelopes will be ordered the same as in the past

-Barb and Linda K. and Linda F. have volunteered to visit shut-ins. There will also be a class on how to make visits led by Pastor Martin.

Details will be coming.

Old Business

-Call Committee update

Pastor Ben Black will be interviewed in Sibley on September 24.

New Business

-Lutheran Lakeside Camp, which is an ELCA only camp, needs to replace water and sewer lines or they will be shut down. This could possibly be a mission project for our congregation.

Dates to Remember

-Exec. meeting – Tuesday, October 6 @ 5:00 PM

-Next Council meeting – Tuesday, October 13 @ 7:00 PM

-Stewardship/Evangelism meeting – November 17 @ 7:00 PM

-Worship Committee meeting – October 27 @ 7:00 PM

-Property Committee meeting – November 24 @ 7:00 PM

-Christian Education Committee meeting – September 22 @ 7:00 PM

-October Teller/Communion Helper – Julie (teller) and Kim (communion)

-November coffee fellowship - November 22 (Adam, Vicki, Jared)

-Treasurer assignment –September, Kim; October, Barb; November, Sharon

A motion was made by Julie and seconded by Barb to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Vicki Zylstra

October Birthdays



1	Cayden Wingate
9	Maralee Onken
14	Steve Rosenberg
17	Danielle Onken
20	Sandy Eben
21	Luci Ferin Roger Ackerman
23	Gidget Henning
24	Carol Seivert
25	Alan Onken
27	Willa Timmermann Ashley Ackerman
28	Sharon Gradert
29	Kensy Ommen Alyssa Prins
30	Brixton Hodapp



Special Services & Events



Mission Sunday
11:00 am
October 25

Speakers
Eric & Cindy Tigges

Pancakes and Sausages served starting at 9:30am



Trinity's
Soup & Pie Supper
October 14
Serving 5-7pm

TELC Youth Group will be attending



Okoboji Camp Outreach Nights
on Sundays

October 11—Block Party,
November 8—Secret Agents,
December 6—Christmas Party,
January 31—Glow in the Dark,
February 21—Hoonting, March 14—Gargoyles, April 4—
Dodgeball April 27—Capture the Flag

Project Funds as of Sept. 23

Emergency	\$	4,434.03
Furnace	\$	7,750.00
Future Project	\$	29,428.47
Ultimate CD - for projects	\$	55,000.00
CD - for projects	\$	55,466.21
CD - CVM 9 Shares - payment 1	\$	27,760.95
Fellowship lights	\$	1,029.00
Lent Offerings - playground	\$	6,328.00
Maintenance (Folker's Endowment)	\$	5,071.26
Missions	\$	4,945.00
Parsonage	\$	5,350.00
Security System	\$	365.00
Worship Area TV Screens	\$	2,536.56

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Adam Henning, Ethan Voss, Alyssa Prins,
Mary Laverman, Joshua Krahling, Julie Johnson,
Janice Grave, Jared Onken

Offerings

August 23

General Fund: \$6,843.00
Noisy Offering: \$46.46
Attendance: 95

August 30

General Fund: \$2,774.00
Noisy Offering: \$49.48
Attendance: 79

September 6

General Fund: \$3,235.00
Bucket of Bucks—ATLAS: \$42.14
Attendance: 63

September 13

RALLY SUNDAY

General Fund: \$3,871.00
Noisy Offering: \$85.92
Attendance: 120

September 20

General Fund: \$2,205.00
Noisy Offering: \$63.58
Attendance: 105

September 27,

in the next newsletter

*Noisy Offering for September & October
Mission Festival*

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Serving At Worship in October & November

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

October 4

Organist: Lola Sjogren
Lector: Brenda Krahling
Acolyte: Jocelyn Hager
Sound System: Brandon Rusche
Ushers/Greeters: Greg & Maralee Onken
Head Ushers: Head Ushers: Daryl Tutje & Ron Prins
Altar Care: Brenda Rosenberg & Renae Hager
Communion Helper/Teller: Barb Schaff
Serving Coffee Fellowship: Arlene Kuehl

October 11

Organist: Eileen Schutte
Lector: Lola Sjogren
Acolyte: Karson Smith
Sound System: Ethan Voss
Ushers/Greeters: Brenda Tutje & Barb Schaff
Head Ushers: Head Ushers: Daryl Tutje & Ron Prins
Altar Care: Brenda Rosenberg & Renae Hager
Teller: Barb Schaff
Serving Coffee Fellowship: Joy Work Group

October 18

Organist: Lola Sjogren
Lector: Jeff Krahling
Acolyte: Alexis Braun
Sound System: Todd Ackerman
Ushers/Greeters: John & Paula Maxwell
Head Ushers: Head Ushers: Daryl Tutje & Ron Prins
Altar Care: Brenda Rosenberg & Renae Hager
Communion Helper/Teller: Barb Schaff
Serving Coffee Fellowship: Students K-6

October 25

Organist: Lois Timmermann
Lector: Renae Hager
Acolyte: Ganyin Glade
Sound System: Roland Rusche
Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Carol Leach
Head Ushers: Head Ushers: Daryl Tutje & Dan Berkland
Altar Care: Brenda Rosenberg & Renae Hager
Teller: Barb Schaff
Mission Festival
Pancakes and Sausages

November 1

Organist:
Lector: Jan Stofferan
Acolyte: Roland Rusche
Sound System: Dan Berkland
Ushers/Greeters: Zach Burkhard & Dave Burkhard
Head Ushers: Head Ushers: Todd Ackerman & Ron Prins
Altar Care: Patty Dreessen & Lana Hibma
Communion Helper/Teller: Adam Henning
BAKED POTATO MEAL

November 8

Organist:
Lector: Jan Henningsen
Acolyte: Quinnly Taylor
Sound System: Daryl Tutje
Ushers/Greeters: Steve & Brenda Rosenberg
Head Ushers: Head Ushers: Todd Ackerman & Ron Prins
Altar Care: Patty Dreessen & Lana Hibma
Teller: Adam Henning
Serving Coffee Fellowship: Compassion Work Group

November 15

Organist:
Lector: Brenda Krahling
Acolyte: Jocelyn Hager
Sound System: Kevin Wollmuth
Ushers/Greeters: Dan & Maureen Breuker
Head Ushers: Head Ushers: Todd Ackerman & Ron Prins
Altar Care: Patty Dreessen & Lana Hibma
Communion Helper/Teller: Adam Henning
Serving Coffee Fellowship: Students 7-12

November 22

Organist:
Lector: Brandon Rusche
Acolyte: VOLUNTEER
Sound System:
Ushers/Greeters:
Head Ushers: Head Ushers: Todd Ackerman & Ron Prins
Altar Care: Patty Dreessen & Lana Hibma
Teller: Adam Henning
Serving Coffee Fellowship: Church Council