



Trinity Trumpeter

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August 2026

FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

Dear Fellow Redeemed,

The Call Committee work continues as we seek the next man God has chosen to pastor the saints here at Trinity Lutheran Church. We have met with Pastor Mark Muenchow (2nd Vice President of the LCMS Oklahoma District) several times to review the detailed information each candidate, as a rostered clergyman, maintains with the synod. This information includes basic personal background, professional and pastoral background, and a set of questions and answers on various matters of doctrine and practice. During our committee meetings to review this information about each candidate, we identified eight men that we believed could be well suited to shepherding our congregation.

We reached out to each of those eight to set up meetings via video call, in which we will discuss the ministry of our church alongside their approach and thoughts on ministry. As of this writing we have held a meeting with one candidate and have learned one of the eight previously identified cannot be considered for a pastoral call at this time, leaving six more meetings on our calendar. We anticipate completing this initial round of discussions by the end of July. We plan to have a second round of discussions with some or all of the candidates. After that second round of discussions, we hope to be able to identify and place a slate of candidates before the congregation which contains men we believe are well-suited for equipping the saints of Trinity Lutheran Church for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4) and leading our ministry efforts here in Norman.

A congregational call meeting in which that slate is considered might take place as soon as August 23, though we cannot promise our hopes and efforts in pursuit of

that timing will come to fruition. We persist in prayerfully asking God to grant wisdom and prudence during this process. And we request for your continued prayers and patience knowing that God has blessed this work in many ways and will surely continue to do so.

With Vicar Horn's departure, the Board of Elders and many others have additional duties to attend to. We ask for prayers from everyone in this regard also, on behalf of all who work in this congregation, and we are grateful for the understanding, assistance, and spirit of brotherly love so commonly shown here. During the vacancy, our congregation's work for the sake of the Gospel and of building one another up in love continues with God's instruction and help.

In Colossians 3:16-17 the Apostle Paul says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." And in verses 23-24, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Let us serve our Lord and each other with wisdom, with joy, and with grace and thanks in our hearts, because of the inheritance of salvation we have received from Him. Thanks be to God for the laborers He has called into our church, and for those He will call.

In the Lord Christ,

Seth Lemke, Chairman, Board of Elders

BOARDS AND COUNCIL

Thank you all for serving!

Council meets on
August 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Board Meetings:

Elders – Sun. Aug 9th 12:00 p.m.
Education – Mon. Aug 3rd 6:30 p.m.
Evangelism – Wed Aug 5th 6:30 p.m.
School Board – Wed Aug 5th 1:00 p.m.
Stewardship – Mon. Aug 3rd 7:00 p.m.
Trustees – Wed. Aug 5th 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

INSTALLATION August 16. All Sunday School teachers and staff will be installed at the beginning of both services. Teachers may attend whatever service they prefer.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:15 a.m.

Join us for a Sunday morning Bible study at 9:15 a.m. while your children and teens are in Sunday School. Come and learn with us and grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ

WITH PULPIT SUPPLY PASTOR 
*"The Scripture Lessons
for the Day"*
WITH BOB LEE:
*"The Names of Our
Wonderful God"*

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LCMS U CAMPUS MINISTRY RESUMES

1. SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 OU INVOLVEMENT FAIR

- Tabling event on OU's campus
- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Members of our campus ministry will attend
- This is often our best chance at inviting new students to our study!

2. SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 WELCOME BACK OU DAY

(classes begin August 24)

- Table with information and goodies in the narthex after both services
- All college students and young adults are invited to lunch after late service - free of charge!

3. TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY

- Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall
- Bible study at 7:00 p.m. in the student fellowship room - led by Timothy Schmidt
- Vespers at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
- Our congregation is invited!

Note to church families: please sign up for meals if you would like to provide one for the weekly Bible study. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. When you bring a meal, you are welcome to stay for food and fellowship with our college students!

SENIORS LUNCHEON We will meet Thursday, August 6th at 11:30 at BJ's restaurant. It is located at 330 Ed Noble Parkway, up the road from Olive Garden. Looking forward to seeing everyone for fun and comradery!

Comings soon.....In September, the seniors group will have a planning meeting to plan out who our speakers will be for the luncheons and ideas for possible trips. If you want to share ideas, we'd love to hear them!

CAMPUS MINISTRY TO CONTINUE

Dear Saints in Christ,

For the past few decades, our vicars have graciously served our congregation, and a huge part of their work was to lead and maintain our LCMS U campus ministry. With our location in a major college town, this has always been a high priority of our church. However, our time of transition to a new pastor has necessitated a pause on our reception of vicars.

In the interim, I have accepted an offer by the Board of Elders to carry on the campus ministry duties of the vicar in a part-time capacity. As such, I will be organizing events, communicating with and caring for our students, and, most importantly, leading the Bible study on Tuesday evenings. This latter duty will be done under the supervision of Pastor Bersche from St. John's in Moore; the rest will fall under the supervision of the Elders. Concurrently, I will continue to serve you all as music director.

It is with great enthusiasm but also great earnestness that I assume this position. Some of you may remember that I went through the campus ministry as a student from 2018 to 2022, so I experienced firsthand the blessings that this ministry provides for its students. It's a large part of why I grew to love this church!

Please pray for me, that God uses me to strengthen the faith and fellowship in Christ that the group already has. May His work continue to prove fruitful! And if you feel so called, I encourage you to get involved with our ministry. Sign up for a dinner, join us in fellowship on Tuesdays, or simply say hello to a college student on Sunday mornings. Truly, these gestures do not go unnoticed!

Blessings in Christ,
Timothy Schmidt, Interim LCMS U Coordinator

LWML NEWS

Trinity's LWML group is working to bring some new activities and events such as "Fall Rally" at Good Shepherd in Midwest City, craft or educational activities, and servant activities for the ladies of our congregation. We will have more information coming over the next few weeks and hope you will find something to bless and enrich your lives.

2027 LWML Convention in Oklahoma City:

Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will (Romans 12:2).

Romans 12:2, is the theme verse for the LWML Convention in July 2027, in Oklahoma City. The theme will guide the participants to be "transformed by the renewal of your mind (Romans 12:2b)." As we prepare for this special event, convention workers are still needed to serve in a variety of positions. Contact Karen Ladusau at 405-249-1117 for more information.

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Karen Ladusau

7th and 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30 p.m.

- For confirmands and their parents
- All 7th and 8th grade students must attend to receive class materials and meet the instructor.
- The Board of Elders is seeking a local LCMS pastor to teach our confirmation class here, in our church
- If none is available, the elder Darin Davis will teach the class.

**Classes begin Wednesday,
SEPTEMBER 2nd at 5:45 p.m.**

TLC EARLY LEARNING CENTER NEWS!

We've had a wonderful summer with our summer camp kids. We have started preparing for our fall session.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES CALENDAR:

Aug 3 rd – 7 th	Transition Week (staff will clean and prepare the classrooms for the upcoming year.)
August 7 th	Meet the Teacher Night 3:30 -5:00 p.m.
August 10 th	First day of TLC Early Learning Center 2026-2027 school year.

We offer specialized schedules. Parents can choose 2-5 days for infants through 4-yr olds. Parents can also choose extended care for their children if needed. If you know anyone looking for an excellent program for their little one, please send them our way. We would love to give them a tour of our awesome facility. We will enroll until all our fall classes are full.



We are hiring! We are looking for a few people to join our amazing staff. We have several schedules available. If you would like to work in our childcare program, please give us a call.

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Summer is coming rapidly to an end as OU is scheduled to start back on August 24 for the fall semester. Before that happens, we hope to have an opportunity for at least two more ESL activities. Our July 4 plan to attend the Norman Independence Day fireworks show was sidelined by 90+ MPH winds here in Norman (how can you plan for that!?), but we are determined to offer some other great opportunities to get to know Norman and Oklahoma.

We had a meeting with our fantastic volunteers on Sunday, July 19, and we shared ideas for the summer and for the upcoming semester. We are tentatively planning our first group meeting for August 29 followed by our welcome picnic on September 5. You will also see our information table out in the narthex every Sunday beginning August 2. Come by and learn more about this ministry, pick up a prayer card, or find out how you can be a part of the action!

You can always learn more by talking to Vickie or John Zubialde or to any of our volunteers.

TRINITY MUSIC ACTIVITIES RESUME

As the school year starts up again, so too do opportunities to serve the church through music! The choir will pick back up again first in September after Labor Day, with rehearsals taking place Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. The bell choir will convene to practice for Reformation Day on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in October. And sprinkled throughout the fall, instrumentalists of all ages are invited to lend their talents to our Divine Services. No skill level is too small!

If you would like to know more about any of these activities or how you can participate, please talk to me after a service or send me an email at tlnormanmusic@gmail.com. There will also be more information forthcoming during service announcements and in the bulletins in the weeks leading up to first rehearsals.

I am excited to continue leading this congregation in our praises to God through song over this next year and hope that you will consider joining these wonderful musical groups!

For the glory of God,
 Timothy Schmidt, organist and choir director

LIVESTREAM TRAINING

All middle school and high school youth and young adults are invited to learn how to set up and run the livestream for Sunday services! We have continued this practice since the pandemic so that members who are not able to attend our services, whether for health or other reasons, may still witness the preaching and liturgy of our church. If you are interested, the training will be on August 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We always have one person for the late service each week (10:30 a.m.) and rotate the volunteer pool so that each person only needs to serve once every few weeks. Please talk to Timothy Schmidt if you have any questions!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Sunday August 16

On Rally Sunday, our Sunday School kickoff, the children will assemble at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for awards and special recognitions. We have Sunday School classes for **ALL** ages. Our Sunday school classes are for ages 3 years-adult. There are 2 different adult Bible Studies available: The visiting pastor's class (in the Fellowship Hall); and Bob Lee's class studying "*The Names of our Wonderful God*" (in the Triangle Room.) We encourage you to make an important 2-hour commitment for you and your family each Sunday to study the Word of God.



AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00am Communion 9:15 am SS & BC 10:30am Communion	3 6:30 pm Brd of Ed. 7:00 pm Stewardship	4	5 9:00 am Trustees 1:00 pm School Brd 6:30pm Evangelism	6 11:30 am Seniors Luncheon at BJ's Restaurant	7 3:30-5:00 pm ELC Meet the Teacher	8
9 8:00am Communion 9:15am Joint Opening 10:30 am Communion 12:00 pm Elders 6:30 pm Council	10 1 st Day of Early Learning Center	11	12	13	14 9:00 am Seniors Trip	15
16 RALLY SUNDAY Install SS teachers 8:00am Communion 9:15 am SS & BC 10:30 am Communion	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 WELCOME O.U. 8:30 am Communion 9:15 am SS & BC 10:30 am Communion	24 O.U. Classes Begin	25 6:30 pm LCMSU Dinner & Bible Study Begins	26 6:30 pm Confirmation Orientation	27	28	29
30 8:30 am Matins 9:15 am SS & BC 10:30 am Matins	31					

Happy Birthday August 2026

Jarrold Berg	8/1
Dennis Gorman	8/1
Ron Atkinson	8/2
Turner Baughman	8/2
David Zubialde	8/2
Rafael Hernandez	8/3
Tammy Stecker	8/4
Maddyn Schweiger	8/5
Kaley Brinkoetter	8/6
Carol Cheatwood	8/6
David Fasgold	8/6
Averell Plain	8/6
Mary Cheatwood	8/7
Susan Favors	8/7
Lindsay Schemm	8/8
Rev. Aaron Uphoff	8/8
Ember Ward	8/8
Elliana Hartman	8/10
Hayes Hartman	8/10
David McDonald	8/10
Rev. Marcus Zill	8/10
Hannah Collins	8/11
Charlene Jerman	8/12
Marcia Gillis	8/13
Leah Haxton	8/14
Deborah Stratmoen	8/16
Ashley Wilson	8/16
Caleb Hartman	8/17
Jamie Huntley	8/17
Aaron Lee	8/17
Lexi Merchant	8/18
Gina Richardson	8/18
Rowan Ullman	8/18
Keagan Hager	8/19
Natalia Richartz	8/21
Chris Anderson	8/23
Declan Rohde	8/25
Margaret Polk	8/26
Yasmin Hoover	8/27
Thong Phan	8/27
Bobbe Nist	8/28
Henrik Sepulveda	8/28
Sharon Wendte	8/29
Amber Rytlewski	8/30
Yvonne Stark	8/30



Anniversaries

David & Valerie Huntley	8/3/1975	51
Ron & Debby Atkinson	8/5/2001	25
Lupe & Linda Sepulveda	8/6/1977	49
Todd & Casey Kunard	8/7/2004	22
Derek & Claire Hartman	8/8/2009	17
Shandell & Michael Nash	8/9/2006	20
Brian & Sandra Lundmark	8/12/2006	20
Mike & Carol Wendte	8/12/1978	48
Robert & Leilani Venter	8/13/2025	1
Rev. Myron & Dorothy Maltz	8/15/1965	61
Steve & Tammy Lemke	8/16/1980	46
Eldon & Johna Jupe	8/20/1983	43
Nils & Scarlett Gransberg	8/24/2003	23
Dennis & Karen Gorman	8/25/1979	47
Nathan & Peggy Lee	8/28/1993	33
Curtis & Jerri Hedrick	8/31/1980	46

RECEIVED IN MEMBERSHIP

(through Adult Instruction Class)

John Ponder

Ryleigh Mullican

Elliot Cockroft

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Vicki Debter

Please call the office for contact information.

The Trinity Trumpeter

God's Servants

ELDER OF THE DAY

8:00 a.m.

Dan Schemm

10:30 a.m.

Nils Gransberg

ACOLYTE

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Josiah Stecker

ALTAR CARE

8:00 a.m.

Elizabeth Amendt

10:30 a.m.

Linda Sepulveda

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