

CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

What a busy summer! It feels like a long time ago when so many from our congregation were involved in Kandi Is Dandy Days, and it also feels like an instant! We worshiped together 15 times since Memorial Day weekend! We hosted the MS Bike ride rest stop, served a meal for the firefighters, supported our youth on their mission trip, planned a great picnic at Ebenezer, and transformed the space at Tripolis. So many other gatherings and visits filled our time as God's people.

Before we let the summer fall into memory only, take some time to reflect on how God is working in and through us in all of it. This writing of Teresa of Avila sounds like the "God's Work, Our Hands" theme for the ELCA's focus on service. It goes beyond urging us to be good workers and willing volunteers. It reminds us how God is right with us and within us and amidst our lives. God's work truly is completed through us—through our words and actions, how we interact with others and build relationships, in our joys and in our sorrows. Always. I'm excited for a flurry of new activities, gatherings, conversations, and meals this fall. May we be empowered by God's trust in us as the body of Christ to faithfully live out God's call to love and serve.

In Christ's peace, *Pastor Sherri*

Christ Has No Body

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet
with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands,
with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body...
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Remember in our Prayers

All Ebenezer & Tripolis members and friends;

All experiencing health concerns, struggles, loneliness, or grief

School staff and students and all awaiting a new school year

Travelers and those amidst or awaiting life changes

Phebe Lutheran Mission in Liberia, Companion Synod in South Africa

scripture readings

September 7

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God

Psalm 1 They are like trees planted by streams of water.

Philemon 1-21 Paul says: “Receive Onesimus as a coworker”

Luke 14:25-33 Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross

September 14

Exodus 32:7-14 Moses begs the Lord to turn from anger against the Hebrews

Psalm 51:1-10 “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.”

1 Timothy 1:12-17 Christ Jesus came for sinners

Luke 15:1-10 Looking for the lost sheep, silver coin: Jesus eating with sinners

September 21

Amos 8:4-7 Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor

Psalm 113 “The Lord lifts up the poor from the ashes.”

1 Timothy 2:1-7 One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who gave himself for all people

Luke 16:1-13 A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in much.

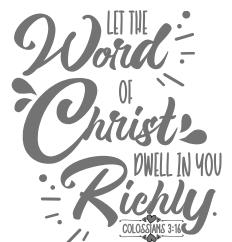
September 28

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Warnings to those who are comfortable or wealthy

Psalm 146 “The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed.”

1 Timothy 6:6-19 Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God’s justice?

Luke 16:19-31 Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man



What a blessing to work together as the body of Christ! Just this past week, Tripolis gathered to complete the carpeting project, and Ebenezer served over 150 meals at the community picnic!

Tripolis Worship Leaders

September 7

Worship is at Atwater Threshing Days at 8am, with several worship leaders from our congregation.

September 14 at 11am

Musician: Tom & Marlys Gustafson,
Dana Vruwink

Lector: Youth

Acolyte: Fostervolds

September 21 at 11am

Musician: Mary Gruis

Lector: Bev Knudsen

Acolyte: Odie Larson

September 28 at 11 am

Musician: Paula Grahn

Lector: Eileen Bosch

Acolyte: Dom Dahline

TRIPOLIS MEMBERS ON DUTY

Council Members

David McClain & Jim Oyen

Ushers

Craig & Ruth Aurand

Altar

Marlys Gustafson &
Meghan McClain



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11

Community Pancake breakfast at Kandi Community Center, hosted by Triolis' Community Outreach committee

TRIPOLIS CALENDAR

Thursday, September 4: 2pm Rachel Bible Study

Sunday, September 7: Atwater Threshing Days-Worship at 8am

Tuesday September 9: 7pm Church Council Meeting at Tripolis

Thursday, September 11: 9am Quilting

Sunday, September 14: 9:30am Sunday School Rally Day
11am Worship with potluck afterward

Sunday, September 21: 9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship

Monday, September 22: Newsletter Information Due

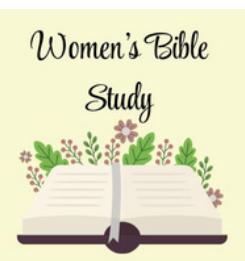
Tuesday, September 23: 9am Quilting

Sunday, September 28: 9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship
5pm-7pm Vintage Supper

Our worship services are posted on our

Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/TripolisChurch



**Tripolis Women's
Bible Study will
meet on
September 4th at
7pm at Tripolis.**



**NOW THAT WE
HAVE NEW CARPET,
WE ASK THAT **NO**
LIQUIDS OTHER
THAN **WATER** BE
BROUGHT INTO THE
SANCTUARY**

September 28:
Tripolis will be hosting
a vintage supper on
Sunday, from 5-7pm.
Volunteers are needed
to help with meal prep
and set up on Saturday,
September 27
beginning at 9am.
Please email Cathy
McClain or check the
sign up sheets at
Tripolis if you are able
to help.

October 12: Tripolis will
host Light of the World
Evening prayer at 7pm



**Fall Fun Night
Saturday, October 18**

Hayride will leave at 4:30pm
Potluck supper at about 6:30pm

Join us for a night of fun
and fellowship.
All are welcome!!

Home of
Keith & Cathy McClain
9863 135th St SE
Lake Lillian



EBENEZER CALENDAR



Ebenezer Worship Leaders

September 7 at 9:30 am

Musician: Betsy Hallberg
Lector: Marilyn Zarnott

September 14 at 9:30 am

Musician: Betsy Hallberg
Lector: Deb Wodash

September 21 at 9:30 am

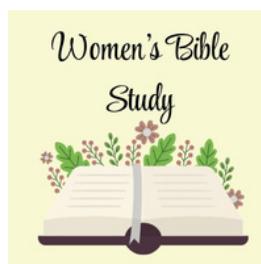
Musician: Kristine Benson
Lector: Dan Hallberg

September 28 at 9:30 am

Musician: Kristine Benson
Lector: Krista Peterson



Our worship services are on YouTube. On our page, choose "live" top find the recent videos.



The Ebenezer Women's Bible Study Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 16th at 4:00 pm at the church. The leader will be Betsy Hallberg, and lunch will be provided by Karen Deisting. All Ebenezer women are welcome.



Ebenezer Blessing Box

We are well-stocked now with food for the Blessing Box, thanks to donations from the Danielson foundation and to a Thrivent grant. Thanks to Mary & Larry Redepenning for their help keeping the blessing box stocked in August. We appreciate Deb & Tom Wodash for volunteering to be the caretakers in September.



**September Coffee
Fellowship will be on
September 14.
(Not on September
21st as printed in the
Yearbook.)**

The Community Building Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the Community Picnic a great success! We couldn't do this without everyone's help in sharing God's love in fellowship with members of our community.



September 18, 11am
Graveside memorial
service for Ronald
Rierson who died on
June 11, 2024 at
Ebenezer Cemetery.
Friends and family
welcome.

This year at Ebenezer, we will combine our gratitude at Harvest Festival (Sunday, Oct. 12) with our "God's Work Our Hands" activities. Watch for a Pumpkin in the narthex in September for ways you can participate.

Happy Anniversary

TRIPOLIS

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Riley & Sarah Gustafson
7 Patrick & Judith Riley
8 Ron & Carmen Swenson
9 Sherri Larson & Kevin Miller
10 Russ & Sue Clint
15 Ben & Susan Dahline
19 Tony & Dana Vruwink
22 Ron & Karol Markfelder
22 Loren & Debra Carlson

EBENEZER

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 Chris & Amanda Stark
9 Sherri Larson & Kevin Miller
12 Greg & Cindy Gonnella
16 Jim & Mary Hawkinson
18 Kara & Michael Nilius
22 Wayne & Marilyn Zarnott
28 Aaron & Krista Peterson
30 Tom & Deb Wodash



Happy Birthday

EBENEZER

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Karlie Hoffer
1 Savannah Lindstrand
1 Kay Oveson
2 Emma Oswood
3 Mark Lindstrand
7 Naomi Struck
7 Elisha Ziehl
8 Brian Lindstrand
9 Mason Lindstrand
12 James Hoffer
12 Shari Reynolds
12 Ryan Stene
14 Larry Redepenning
17 Jane Brouillette
17 Alysha Cuchna
19 Barb Backlund
19 Carol Benson
21 Mavis Bengtson
25 Logan Lindstrand
27 Daryl Deisting
27 Donna Kashmark
28 Raegan Erickson
29 Joshua McGillivray
30 Eric Struck
30 Sharon Latterell

TRIPOLIS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Daniel Beck
1 Jennifer Johnson
1 Cooper Simenson
2 Hailey Sharp
3 Ruth Aurand
5 Jim Ziegler
5 Laura Jeseritz
5 Matt Wattnem
7 Charlotte Jeseritz
9 Tony Vruwink
10 Kyle Bosch
12 Grant Peterka
13 Mary Saue
15 Carrie Rasmussen
15 Marlene Visser
15 Ron Markfelder
16 Bailey Sunquist
17 Michelle Beeman
17 Cameron Narragon
18 John Beeman
18 Drew Lindquist
19 Cora Heaser
21 Hunter Dahline
26 Paul Hanson
26 Katelyn Mason
27 Joyce Helmke
28 Justin Bosch
29 Stephanie Freed
30 Eva Schliep
30 Brady Holien
30 Cole Holien
30 Caidence Shoultz

Tripolis and Ebenezer Churches

May 20, 2025. Location – Tripolis

Members: Craig Aurand, **Jeanette Jacobson**, Frank Ziebarth, Pam Vruwink, David McClain, Angie Dahlberg, Jim Oyen, Eric Struck, **Karen Deisting**, Mary Redepenning, Betsy Hallberg, **Karen Oswood**, Tom Wodash, Paster Sherri Larson, Wayne Zarnott.

Members absent in **BOLD**

Tripolis President, Frank Ziebarth, called the meeting to order at 7pm

Devotions: Led by Pam Vruwink

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and approved the April 8, 2025 joint minutes. Motion by Eric Struck, seconded by David McClain to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Paster's Report:

- Holy week and Easter services
- Funeral for Janet Mackedanz and visitations for Janeen Cunningham and Bruce Vruwink
- 1 Baptism at Ebenezer, 4 Baptisms at Tripolis, 2 Confirmations at Tripolis, graduation recognitions at both churches (4 at Ebenezer, 1 at Tripolis)
- New church secretary, Renae Hunt, was hired and has started training with Cathy
- Will be on vacation May 23 – June 6
 - Seyward Ask will be pulpit supply on May 25, Megan Morrison and Mary Gruis will organize June 1

Old Business: Continuing to research the possibility of using the Instant Church Directory app

New Business: Discussion on recognition gift for Cathy McClain. Motion by Betsy Hallberg for the churches to make a joint purchase of a gift with each church equally contributing, seconded by Mary Redepenning. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Eric Struck, seconded by Tom Wodash. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Angie Dahlberg, Secretary

Tripolis Church Council Meeting Minutes May 20, 2025 (Location – Tripolis)

Members: Craig Aurand, Angie Dahlberg, **Jeanette Jacobson**, David McClain, Jim Oyen, Pam Vruwink, and Frank Ziebarth. Members absent in **BOLD**

President, Frank Ziebarth, called the meeting to order at 7:32.

Secretary's Report: April 8, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed with no additions or corrections made.

Motion made to approve April meeting minutes by David, seconded by Craig. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education – Jeanette Jacobson: The Christian Ed Committee is recommending that the risers that were purchased years ago for the Sunday School Christmas program be sold. The council will discuss further at the next meeting.

Worship/Music – Pam Vruwink:

- Worship/music is planned through the summer Tripolis services
- Council Members on Duty: May is Jeanette and Pam, June is Pam and Angie

Community Building – Craig Aurand:

- New member coffee last week
- Served meal at Ridgewater, about 100 people came. The committee plans to serve more meals there in the future.
- The committee has discussed having a community pancake breakfast later this summer.
- Ukraine update: the truck is in route to Ukraine. Pam has posted a few pictures to the churches Facebook page and will plan to print pictures to have in the church for those that do not have Facebook.

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TRIPOLIS COUNCIL MINUTES, CONTINUED

Youth – Jim Oyen:

- Upcoming mission trip on July 7-10. Four youth have signed up so far.
- Eric Struck will be removed from the LYO checking account. The council discussed that an additional person from Tripolis should be added in his place. Angie made a motion to remove Eric Struck from the account and add Dawn Fostervold, seconded by David. Motion carried.

Memorial – Angie Dahlberg:

- The committee purchased 10 new tables for the basement.
- Flowers will be planted in the planter in the cemetery this week ahead of Memorial Day weekend.

Finance/Stewardship – Frank Ziebarth and Craig Aurand: no report

Property – David McClain:

- Reviewed a bid from SJP for new carpet. Jim will make an initial outreach to Tom's Carpet Kingdom in Eden Valley to get a second bid. Once the second bid is received, the council will review and then present to the congregation to vote on moving forward with the project.
- Reviewed a bid for asphalt for the parking lot and will discuss further at a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Craig, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Angie Dahlberg, Secretary

Ebenezer Church Council Meeting Minutes--May 20, 2025

Members: Wayne Zarnott, Tom Wodash, Eric Struck, **Karen Oswood**, Betsy Hallberg, **Karen Deisting**, Mary Redepenning. Members absent in **BOLD**.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President, Wayne Zarnott.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from April 8, 2025, meeting reviewed. Motion to accept as written by Mary Redepenning and seconded by Eric Struck. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The finance reports were reviewed. Motion by Mary Redepenning, seconded by Eric Struck, to approve finance reports as written subject to audit. Motion carried.

Old Business: The sound system has been updated so our services are now being recorded to Youtube.

New Business: A request was made and approved for the purchase of a griddle and knives for our kitchen and also to reimburse Nancy Bruggers for the replacement cost of a griddle that was damaged last year.

Motion by Tom Wodash, seconded by Mary Redepenning, to split the technical reimbursement costs of the church secretary with Tripolis, in the amount of \$150 per year per church. Motion carried.

Motion made by Eric Struck, seconded by Mary Redepenning, to approve the use of our fellowship/dining area to local families with supervision by Renae Hunt. Motion carried.

Tom Wodash volunteered to be the personnel liaison.

Committee Reports

CR1 - Worship and Music - Mary Redepenning – no report

Communion assist – June Council person on duty – Wayne Zarnott

Communion assist - July Council person on duty – Betsy Hallberg

CR2 - Children/Youth Ministries - Tom Wodash – VBS signup is going well.

CR3 - Community Building/Outreach and Service Ministries - Karen Oswood - no report

CR4 - Memorial Gift Committee - Karen Deisting - no report

CR5 - Property - Betsy Hallberg, Eric Struck – Still waiting for the concrete to be poured at the East entrance.

CR6 - Policy - Wayne Zarnott - no report

Mary Redepenning volunteered to provide devotions in August.

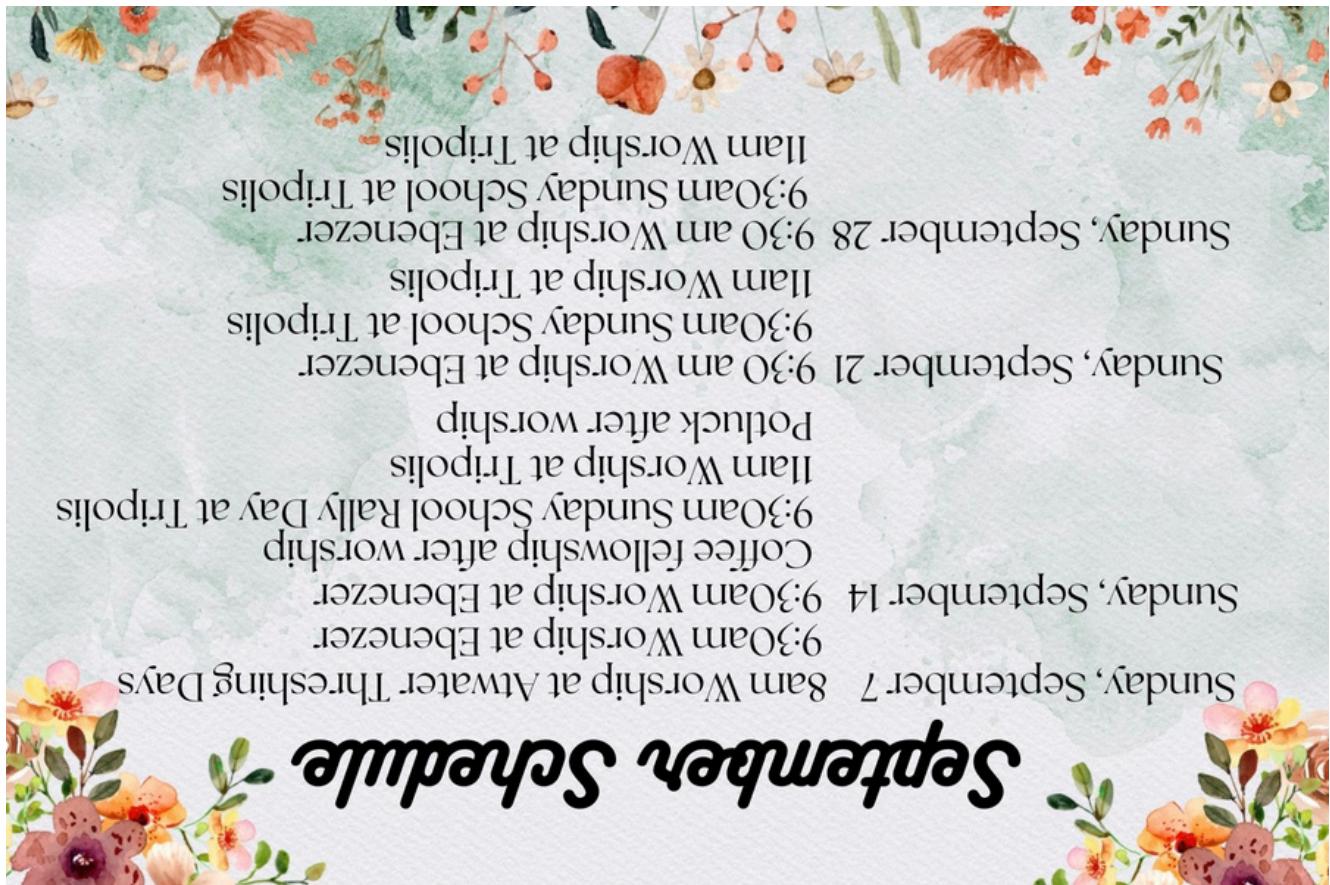
Adjournment: Motion by Eric Struck, seconded by Mary Redepenning, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting at Ebenezer on Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted, Betsy Hallberg, Secretary

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER