

CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

What a busy and exciting time of year! Maybe you've heard the expression: If you want something done, ask a busy person. I think that can extend to our congregations.

We are certainly living out the call to be active witnesses to Christ's love as we love and serve others in Christ's name! We are good at the *doing*, and it's a blessing.

We know from scripture that our good works don't earn us salvation. *By grace we have been saved through faith; this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God.*

(Ephesians 2:8). But Luther reminds us that this gift allows us to focus our good works on loving and serving our neighbors. A billboard version near here reads, "God does not need our good works, but our neighbor does!" May that idea encourage and strengthen our witness to serve those in need and to live out our faith in daily gratitude for God's grace.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Sherri

FIND US ONLINE!

Check out our
updated websites:

tripolischurch.org



Worship Video

ebenezermn.wordpress.com



Worship Video

Both churches are on
Facebook

Remember in our prayers

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

- All who are ill, receiving treatment, preparing for or recovering from procedures; all caregivers
- The people of Ukraine and Gaza, as they continue to endure war and unrest
- Those experiencing uncertainty with jobs or food or home insecurity
- Family and friends of Paul Freed, who died October 20
- Dave Berg, as he seeks care for a difficult cancer diagnosis
- Those who remember loved ones on All Saints' Sunday and always



Our churches have been busy with outreach and service in the community. From the community picnic to the free pancake breakfast, the meal at Campus ministry to our upcoming involvement in the Bingo in November, to generous gifts to those in need, we are so blessed to be involved and engaged in our community. May God continue to guide our ministry!



BBQ SANDWICH MEAL BY EBENEZER & TRIPOLIS LYO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
MEAL IS 5:30; BINGO BEGINS AT 7
KANDIYOH CIVIC CENTER

This event is one of our core fundraisers for youth events. To help, sign up in the library at Tripolis. We also welcome cash or food donations to help offset costs. The list of needed items is in the library; please bring items to church by Sunday, November 16. Cash donations can be made through checks payable to LYO and given to Dawn or Ryan Fostervold.

Scripture readings

November 2: "All Saints' Sunday"

Isaiah 1:10-18 "Learn to do good, seek justice, and rescue the oppressed."

Psalm 32:1-7 "All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble."

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Faith and love amid persecution and adversity

Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus climbs into a tree to see Jesus

November 9

Job 19:23-27a "I know that my Redeemer lives and I shall see God."

Psalm 17:1-9 "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings."

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 The coming of the Lord Jesus

Luke 20:27-38 Jesus speaks of the resurrection; the God of the living

November 16

Malachi 4:1-2 "A day of blistering heat for the arrogant; a day of healing sun for the righteous"

Psalm 98 "In righteousness will the Lord judge the world."

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 "Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake of Christ"

Luke 21:5-19 Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and suffering for his sake

November 23--"Christ the King" Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice

Psalm 46 "I will be exalted among the nations."

Colossians 1:11-20 Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood

Luke 23:33-43 Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise

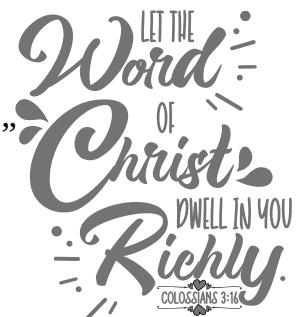
November 30--First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace

Psalm 122 "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

Romans 13:11-14 Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

Matthew 24:36-44 The sudden coming of the Son of Man



ROOTED IN FAITH
Fresh Paths for Youth and Family Ministry

Equipping Congregations Day
Saturday, Nov. 8th
8:30am - 2:30pm
Peace Lutheran, New London MN
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Todd Buegler
Featuring the
SYNOD YOUTH BAND

BE THANKFUL.
BE GRATEFUL.
BE BLESSED.

Women's Retreat

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025
EAGLE LAKE LUTHERAN

Music & Worship
Art & Creativity
Food & Fellowship

9:30am-3:30pm, includes coffee, lunch, and snacks
\$20 suggested donation

This third annual retreat is organized by leaders at Eagle Lake Lutheran; Hope Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, and Ebenezer and Tripolis Lutheran churches in Kandiyohi. We are grateful for a grant from Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, Endowment Fund.

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship
7pm, Wednesday, November 26
Bethel Lutheran, Willmar

We are teaming up with local churches for a beautiful service of scripture and song on Thanksgiving Eve. Pie and coffee fellowship afterward.

HOBBY RETREATS

JOIN US!
NOVEMBER 14-15 JANUARY 16-17
FEBRUARY 20-21 MARCH 13-14

Friday 8:30am until you choose to go home
Saturday 8:30am -5pm
Meals will be potluck with a group meal ordered in on Friday night.
Water, coffee, tea and hot chocolate provided.

TRIPOLIS CHURCH
3248 CO RD 8 SE, KANDIYOH

Please sign up in the fellowship hall at Tripolis or by contacting Cathy M.

TRIPOLIS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 2: 9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Thursday, November 6: 2pm Rachel Bible Study

Sunday, November 9: 9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Harvest Festival Worship Service
with *Cedar Creek Gospel Band*
*Potluck after worship

Tuesday, November 11: 7pm Church Council Meeting at Tripolis

Thursday, November 13: 9am Quilting

Friday & Saturday, November 14 & 15: Hobby Retreat,
starts at 8:30am each day

Saturday, November 15: 9:30-3:30 Women's Retreat

Sunday, November 16: 9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Sunday, November 23: 9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, November 24: Newsletter Information Due

Tuesday, November 25: 9am Quilting

Wednesday, November 26: 7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving
Eve worship at Bethel Lutheran; fellowship afterward

Sunday, November 30: 9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

TRIPOLIS MEMBERS ON DUTY

Council Members

Jim Oyen & Frank Ziebarth

Ushers

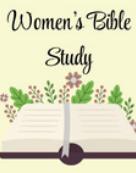
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Altar

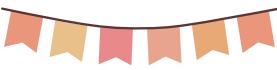
Lisa Ziehl & Cheri Bosch



Cedar Creek Gospel Band will lead worship at Tripolis on Sunday, November 9, at 11am. After a great morning of toe-tapping music, we'll gather for a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall.



**Tripolis Women's
Bible Study will meet
on November 6 at
2pm at Tripolis.**


Tripolis has a new 6' outdoor vinyl banner that can be used for events at the church or other locations

Tripolis Worship Leaders

November 2

Musician: Dana Vruwink

Lector: Ella Jeseritz

Acolyte: Colton Fostervold

November 9

Musicians: Cedar Creek Gospel Band

Lector: Lisa Ziehl

Acolyte: Brady Fostervold

November 16

Musician: Mary Gruis

Lector: Angela Dahlberg

Acolyte: Odie Larson

November 23

Musician: Paula Grahn

Lector: Pam Vruwink

Acolyte: Brody Stegeman

November 30

Musician: Dana Vruwink

Lector: Bev Knudsen

Acolyte: Cody Stegeman

Advent Wreath readers: 5th grade
Sunday School class

TRIPOLIS CHURCH CLEANING:

November 3-8

It's time to get our church cleaned up, now that the finishing work for the new carpet has been completed!

- The Service Group Co-Chairs will be in contact with you regarding the scheduled times and areas to clean.
- The Master Cleaning List will be in the kitchen to document when projects are completed.
- If the scheduled times don't work for you, please try to come and clean any area that still needs attention at a time that works for you.

THANK-YOU to all for helping with this project of caring for our church.

What can be recycled?



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Recycle!



Ziploc & other resealable



Cereal



Carton overwrap



Salt bags



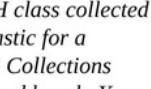
Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shopping envelopes



The ACGC REACH class collected 1000 pounds of plastic for a playground bench! Collections continue for a second bench. You can help by dropping off your clean plastic items in the bin in the back room at Tripolis.

EBENEZER CALENDAR

Sunday, November 2: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer

Sunday, November 9: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer

*Coffee hour following worship

Tuesday, November 11: 7pm Church Council Meeting at Ebenezer

Friday, November 14-15 Hobby Retreat at Tripolis,

starts at 8:30am each day

Saturday, November 15: 9:30-3:30 Women's Retreat

Sunday, November 16: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer

Tuesday, November 18: 4pm Ebenezer Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 20: 9am Do Be Doers

Sunday, November 23: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer

Monday, November 24: Newsletter Information Due

Wednesday, November 26: 7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving

Eve worship at Bethel Lutheran; fellowship afterward

Sunday, November 30: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer

Ebenezer Worship Leaders

November 2

Musician: Kristine Benson

Lector: Lori Martin

November 9

Musician: Betsy Hallberg

Lector: Lauri Hennes

November 16

Musician: Kristine Benson

Lector: Kara Nilius

November 23

Musician: Kristine Benson

Lector: Paul Oswood

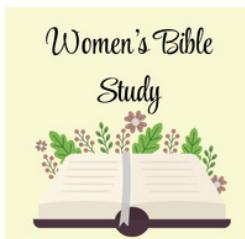
November 30

Musician: Kristine Benson

Lector: Marilyn Zarnott

Advent Wreath readers:

Mary and Larry Redepenning



The Ebenezer Women's Bible Study Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 18th at 4:00 pm. The leader is Jan Stene and lunch will be provided by Mavis Bengtson. All Ebenezer women are welcome!

*Save
The
Date*

EBENEZER MEMBERS ON DUTY

Council Member

Karen Deisting

Ushers

Larry Redepenning

Kevin Miller

Greeters

Virgil Valentine & Dianna Prior

Altar

Marilyn & Wayne Zarnott

Flowers

Joan Peterson

Thank You

From the Community Building Committee:

Thanks to everyone who participated in "God's Work Our Hands" in October. Reaching out with prayer and cards to those in need and donating food items to the Food Shelf was very appreciated. Thank you from the Community Building Committee for this outreach!

Thanks to everyone who made a donation, helped serve, or provided cookies for the lunch on October 21 at Ridgewater College Campus Ministry. The students were so grateful! We're honored to work together to provide this community outreach.



Watch for the Angel Tree in the Narthex in November as we support the Salvation Army Toy Shop.

Sunday, December 14th. We look forward to everyone joining us for our **Christmas Potluck Lunch** following the worship service! We will designate our free-will offering from the potluck to go towards filling "God's Global Barnyard" with animals (ELCA World Hunger). Watch your bulletins for more details!



Ebenezer Blessing Box

Thank you to Mavis Bengtson for serving as caretaker in October. Wayne and Marilyn Zarnott will oversee the supplies in November. See sign-up in narthex to help out in future months.

Joint Council Minutes, Tripolis and Ebenezer Churches

September 9, 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 Jeanette Jacobson.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Jeanette Jacobson to approve the agenda, seconded by Karen Deisting. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and approved the August 12, 2025 joint minutes. Motion by David McClain, seconded by Eric Struck to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Paster's Report: Pastor shared a recap of her recent activities and upcoming events.

LYO Report: Jim Oyen: fall ditch cleanup planned for 9/21; paperwork submitted to add Dawn Fostervold to checking account.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Updated funeral and memorial service policies: Initial review of policy suggestions. Each council will continue to review/update their policies.
2. Website updates: Reviewed proposal from Dale Stiles to update the church websites. Each council will review and vote on proposal.
3. Advent worship plans and update: December 17 Advent Service will be at Bethesda during the day. Considering having fellowship time after Advent Services.
4. Pastor's insurance: David Morrison presented options for Pastor's insurance for 2026. Pastor requests Select HDHP 2000. In 2026 the churches can decide whether or not to contribute to the HSA. Vote: A motion was made by Karen Oswood to approve the Select HDHP 2000 Plan and contribute \$900 per year, split between the churches, to the HSA, seconded by Pam Vruwink. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Eric Struck, seconded by David McClain. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angie Dahlberg, Secretary

Tripolis Church Council Meeting

September 9, 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 7:37pm.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and Internet was added to Old Business and Website/Domain Name was added to New Business. Motion to approve the updated agenda was made by Jeanette, seconded by David. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: August 12, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed with no additions or corrections made. Motion made to approve meeting minutes by Pam, seconded by David. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted and presented by David Morrison.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education – Jeanette Jacobson: Sunday School will be starting this Sunday – thanks to Paula for all she has done to get ready for Sunday School!

Worship/Music – Pam Vruwink: The committee met and made progress on schedule
September Council Members on Duty: David McClain and Jim Oyen

Community Building – Jeanette Jacobson: A free pancake breakfast is planned for Oct. 11 at the Community Center in Kandiyohi. Planning for 200-250 people to attend and estimating the cost will be \$500-\$600. Received a \$250 Thrivent Grant and will be asking for donations to cover the rest of the cost.

Youth – Jim Oyen: Fall ditch cleanup scheduled for Sept. 21

Memorial – Angie Dahlberg: None

Finance/Stewardship – Frank Ziebarth and Craig Aurand: None

Property – David McClain: None

Tripolis minutes, continued

Old Business

1. Internet – David McClain: Received quotes from Vibrant to switch providers when available. They offer 3- or 5-year plans.

Vote: Motion made to switch the church internet and phone to Vibrant with the 5-year plan was made by Jim, seconded by Jeanette. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Technology presentation by Matt Wattnem and Mike Jacobson on updating the church sound system, video, and convert live stream from Facebook to You Tube with a quote from Ryan Zimmer to do the upgrades. Vote: Motion made to call a congregational meeting on October 5 to approve the upgrades was made by Jeanette, seconded by Pam. Motion carried.
2. Website updates and domain name: Vote: A motion was made by Angie to approve the proposal from Dale Stiles to update the church website and to renew/keep the current website domain, seconded by David. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting by David, seconded by Jeanette. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angie Dahlberg, Secretary

Ebenezer Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025 Location: Tripolis

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

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President, Wayne Zarnott. The Agenda was approved with one addition.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from August 12, 2025, meeting reviewed. Motion to accept as written by Eric Struck, seconded by Betsy Hallberg. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were not received by the time of the meeting. They will be reviewed at the next council meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Motion made by Mary Redepenning, seconded by Eric Struck to approve reimbursement to Betsy Hallberg for \$100 memorial gift given by the church to the family of David Pierce. David was Ebenezer's insurance agent for many years. Motion carried.
- Motion by Karen Oswood, seconded by Mary Redepenning, to have David Stiles update our website. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CR1 - Worship and Music - Mary Redepenning

Communion assist - September Council person on duty – Karen Deisting

Communion assist - October Council person on duty – Betsy Hallberg

CR2 - Children/Youth Ministries - Tom Wodash – Christmas program will be held on December 21

CR3 - Community Building/Outreach and Service Ministries - Karen Oswood – The community supper was well attended by approximately 155 people plus about ten takeouts. We will serve a noon meal at Campus Ministry on October 21.

CR4 - Memorial Gift Committee - Karen Deisting - no report

CR5 - Property - Betsy Hallberg, Eric Struck – Eric continues to work with Jeff Miller on repair of the south window in Pastor's office. A motor in the furnace located in the narthex area was replaced. The new door on the east side has received some damage; unknown as to how this happened.

CR6 - Policy - Wayne Zarnott – Pastor provided us with a rough draft of a funeral policy. Council is to review it for additions and discussion/vote at the next council meeting.

Tom Wodash will provide devotions in October.

Adjournment: Motion by Eric Struck, seconded by Karen Deisting, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting at Ebenezer on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Hallberg, Secretary

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Ebenezer/Tripolis Lutheran Parish
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Kandiyohi, MN 56251

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

November Worship Schedule	
Sunday, November 2nd: "All Saints' Sunday"	9:30am Worship at Ebenezer
Sunday, November 9th: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer (coffee hour to follow)	9:30am Sunday School at Tripolis
Sunday, November 16th: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer	9:30am "Harvest Festival" Worship at with Cedar Creek Gospel Band at Tripolis (Potluck to follow)
Sunday, November 23rd: "Christ the King" Sunday	9:30am Sunday School at Tripolis
Sunday, November 30th: The First Sunday of Advent	9:30am Worship at Ebenezer
Sunday, December 7th: 9:30am Worship at Tripolis	9:30am Sunday School at Tripolis
Sunday, December 14th: 9:30am Worship at Tripolis	9:30am Worship at Tripolis
Sunday, December 21st: 9:30am Sunday School at Tripolis	9:30am Worship at Ebenezer
Sunday, December 28th: 9:30am Sunday School at Tripolis	9:30am Worship at Tripolis
Sunday, January 4th: The First Sunday of Lent	9:30am Sunday School at Tripolis

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