



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.”

It has truly been a gift and honor to walk alongside our recent Confirmands in their study and growth. April 26 was Confirmation day; it is one important step in a life of faith, begun years ago, and continuing every day.

“I do and I ask God to help and guide me” is a great sentence of both intention and humility. It’s the response to the question within the worship service: *“Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?”*

What a beautiful and rich description of a life of faith! It is good for us to reflect on whether or how much that describes our faith lives.



Keep in Our Prayers

Our families, community, country, and world:
All whose lives are disrupted by the wars in Iran and Ukraine; those injured and grieving families of those killed; all Veterans.

All caregivers

Sydney Hughes, Andrew Benson’s daughter, as she is expecting a baby in May.

Those recovering from recent surgeries

Our schools--teachers, students, staff, and families

Our Confirmands; All graduates



Cody, Brady, and Dom on April 22, the night of their Confirmation presentations

May these words from our Affirmation of Baptism service be a powerful reflection for all of us, of any age. With God’s help and guidance, we are invited every day into a life of grace and mercy, forgiveness and salvation.

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Pastor Sherri

Tripolis
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ebenezer
Lutheran Church

Worship Video

Worship Video

FIND US ONLINE!
Both churches are on Facebook
Check out our websites:
tripolischurch.org
ebenezermn.wordpress.com

scripture readings

May 3

Acts 7:55-60 The martyrdom of Stephen
Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."
1 Peter 2:2-10 God's people chosen to proclaim God's mighty acts
John 14:1-14 Christ the way, truth, and life

May 10

Acts 17:22-31 Paul's message to the Athenians
Psalms 66:8-20 "Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard."
1 Peter 3:13-22 The days of Noah, a sign of baptism
John 14:15-21 Christ our advocate

May 17

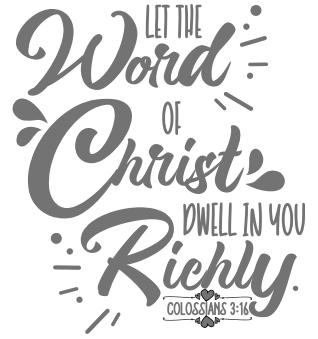
Acts 1:6-14 Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure
Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35 "Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds."
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 God will sustain and restore those who suffer
John 17:1-11 Christ's prayer for his disciples

May 24--Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds
Psalms 104:24-34, 35b "Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit
John 20:19-23 The Spirit poured out

May 31

Genesis 1:1--2:4a The creation of the heavens and the earth
Psalms 8 "How majestic is your name in all the earth!"
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth
Matthew 28:16-20 Living in the community of the Trinity



Summer Worship Schedule: One shared service each week at 9:30am

June 7 - July 19
 at Tripolis
 *June 22 at Capitol Hill south of Kandiyohi.

July 26 - September 6
 at Ebenezer



Please share this information with any families who may be interested. It is open for all and free of charge. Register by May 22.

Our mission trip to the Twin Cities for current 6th - 12th graders is scheduled for August 3-6. If you're interested, please tell Jim Oyen or Pastor Sherri by May 3.

May 3 is our spring ditch clean-up day. Join us for lunch right after church. All ages welcome!

Ebenezer & Tripolis
 Lutheran Churches

Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
 EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH
 3 YRS - 4TH GRADE
 5:15-7:30PM, BEGINS WITH A MEAL
 WEDNESDAY FAMILY PICNIC: BEGINS AT 6PM

REGISTER HERE

THIS SHARED MINISTRY EVENT IS ORGANIZED AND LED BY BOTH TRIPOLIS AND EBENEZER CHURCHES

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH Cemetery Walk

Join the Kandiyohi County Historical Society on a cemetery walk of the Svea Lutheran Church. Enjoy the stories of residents of Kandiyohi County.

The Honor Guard will be at cemetery around 9:00am for veteran roll call. Tours start every half hour

TIME	DATE	VENUE
9:30am-11:30am	Monday, May 25	Svea Lutheran Church 12651 15th St SE, Blomkest, MN 56216

Refreshments will be provided Free Will Donation

This location has sidewalks between each row for easier walking

www.kandiyohicountyhistory.com

Ebenezer Calendar

Sunday, May 3: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer
 Noon: Lunch & ditch cleanup for all ages at Tripolis

Sunday, May 10: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer with coffee
 fellowship to follow

Tuesday, May 12: 7pm Church Council Meeting at Tripolis

Sunday, May 17: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer

Tuesday, May 19: 4pm Ebenezer Women's Bible Study

Sunday, May 24: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer

Monday, May 25: 8am Memorial Day Service
 Newsletter Article Information Due

Thursday, May 28: 9am Do-Be Doers

Sunday, May 31: 9:30am Worship at Ebenezer

Ebenezer Worship Leaders

May 3
 Musician: Kristine Benson
 Lector: Marilyn Zarnott

May 10
 Musician: Kristine Benson
 Lector: Andrew Benson

May 17
 Musician: Betsy Hallberg
 Lector: Krista Peterson

May 24
 Musician: Betsy Hallberg
 Lector: Carol Benson

May 31
 Musician: Kristine Benson
 Lector: Kara Nilius

Happy Birthday

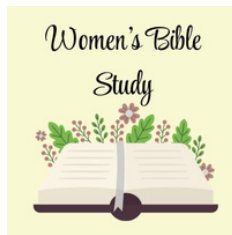
- 1 Ben Lanners
- 2 Lori Martin
- 3 David Eickhoff
- 5 John Hallberg
- 6 Jordan Thompson
- 7 Brittney Martin
- 7 Brandon Hallberg
- 11 Nancy Norling
- 12 Sarah Benson
- 12 Tom Peterson
- 14 Lee Carity
- 15 Betsy Hallberg
- 19 Kara Nilius
- 22 DeWayne Odland
- 25 Emilee Brouillette
- 27 Nancy Bruggers
- 29 Gail Stark

Happy Anniversary

- 5 Dale & Sharon Latterell
- 8 Eric & Naomi Struck
- 9 Tom & Linda Cuchna
- 10 Delton & Joan Peterson
- 17 Mike & Kathy Neuharth
- 21 Steve & Paula Lang
- 25 Bill & Marvis Hallberg

EBENEZER MEMBERS ON DUTY

Council Member: Aaron Peterson
Ushers: Paul & Karen Oswood
Greeters: Myron & Mavis Bengtson
Altar: Mary & Larry Redepenning
Flowers: Joan Peterson



The Ebenezer Women's Bible Study Group will hold its monthly Bible Study on Tuesday, May 19th at 4:00 pm. The Bible Study leader is Mary Redepenning. Lunch will be provided by Marilyn Zarnott. The meeting is held at the church. All Ebenezer women are invited.

Volunteers Needed

There will be opportunities to volunteer for the following events coming up in June.

Please watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex in the following weeks.

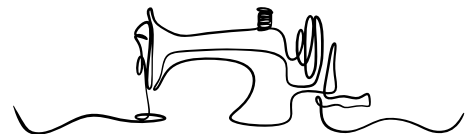
June 4: Appreciation Supper for the Kandiyohi Fire Department

June 7-10: Prepare and serve suppers for VBS

June 12: Serve supper for Kandi Is Dandy Days

Ebenezer Blessing Box

Thank you to the Deistings for serving as caretakers in April. Dan and Betsy Hallberg will oversee the supplies in May. Donations of dried goods are especially helpful.



Do-Be-Doers Quilting
 Thursday, May 28 9am

TRIPOLIS CALENDAR

- Sunday, May 3: 9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship at Tripolis
Noon: Lunch & ditch cleanup for all ages at Tripolis
- Thursday, May 7: 7pm Women's Bible Study
- Sunday, May 10: 9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship at Tripolis (Graduate Recognition)
- Tuesday, May 12: 7pm Church Council Meeting at Tripolis
- Thursday, May 14: 9am Quilting
- Saturday, May 16: 2pm Bridal Shower (Christanson/Ziebarth)
- Sunday, May 17: 9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship at Tripolis
- Sunday, May 24: 11am Worship at Tripolis
- Monday, May 25: 8:30am Memorial Day Service
Svea Cemetery walks 9:30am-11:30
Newsletter Article Information Due
- Tuesday, May 26: 9am Quilting
- Sunday, May 31: 11am Worship at Tripolis



Sunday School continues weekly at 9:30am until our last day, May 17.

Happy Birthday

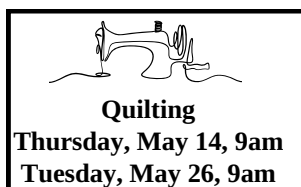
- 2 Debra Carlson
- 3 Craig Aurand
- 3 Randy Smith
- 7 Emily Aurand Elfritz
- 7 Amy Molash
- 9 Duaine Bosch
- 11 Sydney Gustafson
- 13 Carolyn Lund
- 13 Micah Morrison
- 14 Charisse Hoffenkamp
- 15 Martin Messner
- 17 Isaiah Schueller
- 18 Andrew Lindquist
- 18 Bruce Mattson
- 21 Tommy Molash
- 22 Jacob Mattson
- 22 Ryan Davis
- 26 Rory Stierler
- 27 Dylan Saue
- 28 Karl Klint
- 30 Gail Manthei
- 30 Marlene Isaacson
- 30 Judith Ryer
- 30 Pam Vruwink
- 31 John Schliep

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Jon & Carolyn Lund
- 1 Allen & Kristi Schmidt
- 15 Peter & Angela Swenson
- 17 Jason & Crystal Daigle
- 20 Dan & Julie Beck
- 22 Curt & Sandra Stierler
- 23 John & Amy Schliep
- 25 Tom & Marlys Gustafson
- 29 David & Megan Morrison



June 20, 2026: Celebrate 50 years of Love and Laughter with Barb and Cal Freeman.
More information to come!



Tripolis Members on Duty

Council Members

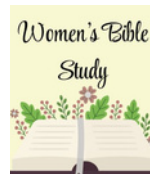
Angela Dahlberg and Pam Vruwink

Ushers

Tony & Dana Vruwink

Altar

Carmen Swenson & Cathy Schueler



Tripolis Women's Bible Study will meet May 7 at 7pm at the church. Kathy Vruwink will lead; Ruth Aurand will serve.

The Tripolis Churchmen will be holding a Memorial Day program on May 25 at the church. The honor guard will arrive at the cemetery at 8:30am, followed by a program in the church. Coffee and rolls served afterward.

bridal shower

There will be an Open House Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Christanson bride-to-be of Adam Ziebarth on Saturday, May 16th - 2 pm at Tripolis Church. We invite men to join us for this event. They are registered on Amazon, Target, and Crate & Barrel.

Tripolis Worship Leaders

May 3

Musicians: Dana Vruwink
Lectors: Fostervold family
Acolyte: Brody Stegeman

May 10

Musicians: Paula Grahn, students
Lectors: Graduates
Acolyte: Claudia Oyen

May 17

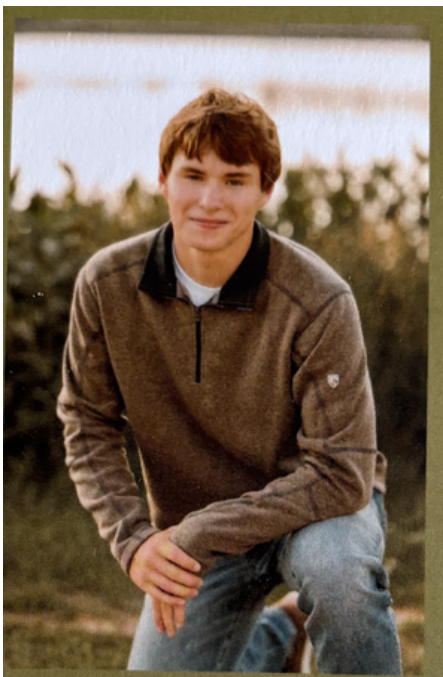
Musician: Paula Grahn
Lector: Jonas Morrison
Acolyte: Eliza Stegeman

May 24

Musician: Mary Gruis
Lector: Kevin Miller
Acolyte: Odie Larson

May 31

Musician: Mary Gruis
Lector: Paula Grahn
Acolyte: Colton Fostervold



Micah Morrison
Open House Celebration
Saturday, May 23
1:30pm-4pm
501 7th ST N
Atwater

Join us in celebrating
Ivy's graduation
May 24, 2026
4-?pm



Ivy's Home
9863 135th St SE
Lake Lillian MN, 56253



Open House
for Porter DeKraai
Kandiyohi Civic Center
Saturday May 30, 11am-2pm




Open House for Ian Ziehl
Saturday May 30, 10am-2pm
3803 15th Avenue SE, Willmar

Please join us for the Celebration of
NEVAEH MOLASH
Highschool Graduation

1500 County Rd 9 NE
Willmar MN 56201

June 6th 2026
2pm until 7pm




If unable to attend, and wish to
send a card, please send it to
P.O. box 441
Willmar MN 56201



Tristin Stegeman
ACGC
Open House TBD



Joint Council Minutes
Tripolis and Ebenezer Churches
Tuesday March 10, 2026
Location – Tripolis

Members: Lisa Ziehl, Ron Swenson, Jeanette Jacobson, Pam Vruwink, David McClain, Angie Dahlberg, Jim Oyen, **Konnie Carity**, Eric Struck, Mary Redepenning, Karen Oswood, Deb Wodash, Tom Wodash, Aaron Peterson, Pastor Sherri Larson

Members absent in **BOLD**

Tripolis President, David McClain, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Constitutions was added to new business. Motion to approve the updated agenda was made by Jeanette seconded by Deb.
Motion carried.

Devotions: Led by Pam

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and approved the February, 2025 joint minutes. Motion by Eric, seconded by Karen to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Overall seeing lower numbers in attendance at Lent services, first communion lessons set for Saturday 3/14, reviewing dates of LYO mission trip due to conflict with Kandiyohi Co Fair, Daily Bread Grant received to assist in providing meals,

LYO Report: Tubing event held last week in Kimball

Old Business:

Approve updated funeral policies discussion:

New Business:

Review and Signature of Ebenezer & Tripolis Congregational Parish Agreement
Motion to approve the agreement was made by Mary seconded by Ron.
Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Deb, seconded by Eric, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Ziehl
Tripolis Secretary

Tripolis Church Council Meeting

Tuesday March 10, 2026

Location – Tripolis

Members: Angie Dahlberg, Jeanette Jacobson, David McClain,
Jim Oyen, Ron Swenson, Pam Vruwink, and Lisa Ziehl

Members absent in **BOLD**

President, David McClain, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm
Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Constitutions and Bi-Laws was added to new business and Bank Signatures and AV Committee updates were added to old business. Motion to approve the updated agenda was made by Lisa seconded by Jeanette. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: February 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed with updating the word Luther to Lutheran. Motion made to approve the February meeting minutes by Jeanette, seconded by Pam. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by David Morrison
Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Ron, seconded by Angie. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education – Jeanette Jacobson: VBS planning meeting set for next week

Worship/Music – Lisa Ziehl: no updates

Council Members on Duty –

· March: Jim Oyen & Angela Dahlberg

· April: David McClain & Pam Vruwink

Community Building – Pam Vruwink: set to meet before next council meeting

Youth – Jim Oyen: Snow tubing event was held with the LYO

Memorial – Angie Dahlberg: no updates

Finance/Stewardship – David McClain and Jeanette Jacobson: no updates

Property – Ron Swenson: meeting set before next council meeting

Old Business

AV Committee Updates: Committee has met and we expect an approved quote from them soon

Authorized Signatory for Tripolis bank accounts

Motion to remove Frank Ziebarth, Craig Aaurand, Angela Dahlberg as signers and to add David McClain, Jeanette Jacobson, and Lisa Ziehl to the Tripolis bank accounts.

Motion made by Angie, seconded by Pam. Motion carried.

New Business

Review of Marriage Policy – updates in process

Review of Constitution

Review of Committee Duties/Responsibilities

Review of Bi-laws which address specific dates of congregational meetings

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

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Ziehl, Tripolis Council Secretary

Ebenezer Church Council Meeting

March 10, 2026

Members: Tom Wodash, **Konnie Carity**, Karen Oswood, Aaron Peterson, Eric Struck, Mary Redepenning, Deb Wodash.

Members absent in **BOLD**.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President, Tom Wodash.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda items were added for discussion.

A motion was made by Karen Oswood, seconded by Deb Wodash, to accept the revised agenda. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from February 10, 2026, meeting reviewed. Motion to accept as written by Eric Struck, seconded by Aaron Peterson. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

On February 11th, an e-mail vote was held by the church council regarding the need to expand our Children/Youth Committee designation. It was recommended that the committee be renamed "Children/Youth/Christian Education." This name change won't necessarily change the function of the committee, but it might allow for expansion if we develop any sort of help with adult study or multi-age programming. This was unanimously endorsed by the church council. Motion to accept this endorsement was made by Karen Oswood, seconded by Aaron Peterson. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Pastor Sherri requested the council consider moving the date of the 2027 Annual Meeting to February 7th due to there being 5 Sundays in January and Lent occurring earlier in 2027. However, due to the date being written into our Congregation Bylaws, the date can be changed only during a congregational meeting.

2. A review was held on the process of completing Church Offering Record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CR1 - Worship and Music - Mary Redepenning - No report.

Communion assist – March - Council person on duty – Tom Wodash

Communion assist – April - Council person on duty – Konnie Carity

CR2 - Children/Youth/Christian Education: - Konnie Carity - No report

CR3 - Community Building/Outreach and Service Ministries – Deb Wodash –

• Ebenezer will serve Kandi Is Dandy Days on Friday, June 12.

• Community Picnic is set for August 20

• October 13th is the tentative date for serving the meal at the college

• Other events are being planned for the fall and winter.

CR4 - Memorial Gift Committee – Karen Oswood – No report

CR5 - Property – Aaron Peterson, Eric Struck – Gave an update on the status of needed repairs.

CR6 - Policy – Tom Wodash – Finalized the Funeral policy. Tom Wodash will provide devotions in April.


Adjournment: Motion by Eric Struck, seconded by Aaron Peterson, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting at Ebenezer on Tuesday, April 14.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Redepenning, Secretary

Connection Newsletter May 2026
Ebenezer/Tripolis Lutheran Parish
PO BOX 356
Kandiyohi, MN 56251

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 3: 9:30AM WORSHIP AT EBENEZER; SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TRIPOLIS

11AM WORSHIP AT TRIPOLIS

SUNDAY, MAY 10: 9:30AM WORSHIP AT EBENEZER; SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TRIPOLIS

11AM WORSHIP AT TRIPOLIS

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

2ND SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, MAY 17: 9:30AM WORSHIP AT EBENEZER; SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TRIPOLIS

11AM WORSHIP AT TRIPOLIS

SUNDAY, MAY 24: 9:30AM WORSHIP AT EBENEZER

11AM WORSHIP AT TRIPOLIS

MONDAY, MAY 25: MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES: 8AM AT EBENEZER; 8:30AM AT TRIPOLIS

SUNDAY, MAY 31: 9:30AM WORSHIP AT EBENEZER

11AM WORSHIP AT TRIPOLIS

BEGINNING JUNE 7, OUR SHARED WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS. WE WILL WORSHIP AT TRIPOLIS AT 9:30 THROUGH JULY 19.

