

The Trinity Times

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Election Day 2026: Make a Plan to Vote!

"Voting is one of the most important ways we can be involved in our representative democracy." From ELCA Civic Engagement Guide

Election Day is November 3, 2026. Are you ready to vote? Make a plan!

- Register to vote (mnvotes.gov/register) or check your voter registration (mnvotes.gov). You can also register to vote on Election Day at the polls.
- View your sample ballot (mnvotes.gov/myballot)
- Learn about the candidates' positions.

The League of Women Voters has vote411.org, which contains responses from candidates to issues.

The League of Women Voters St Peter Area has conducted candidate forums that are available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/@LWVStPeter> or on the City of St Peter YouTube channel.

- Find out where to vote (mnvotes.gov/pollfinder)
- You can also vote early, either by absentee ballot or in person.
 - o Request an absentee ballot at mnvotes.gov. If you are voting by mail, you will need a witness.
 - o If you live in Nicollet County, early voting is available at the courthouse. Beginning October 16, you can complete your ballot and scan it directly into the voting machine. Hours are daily from 8:00-4:30. Additional hours are: Saturday, Oct 24 from 9-3; Tuesday, Oct 27 from 8am-7pm; Saturday, Oct 31 from 9-3; and Sunday, Nov 1 from 9-3.

Additional information is available in the narthex from ELCA Advocacy and the office of the Secretary of State of Minnesota.

Isaiah Training

Trinity and First Lutheran Churches will present a short Isaiah Rapid Response Training at Trinity on Sunday, October 18, at 4:00 pm. Discussion will include encouraging everyone to vote in this important election and the accurate sharing of information in a chaotic and uncertain environment.

Becoming a Member at Trinity

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member at Trinity? Church membership is all about being part of a community of worship and service. It's about being the Body of Christ. You bring gifts and perspectives that make us more complete.

Please reach out to Pastor Scott:
pastorscott@trinitystpeter.org or call the office:
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Ways to Give...

Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church ministries that Gather, Grow, and Go! Ways to give:

Text: message 844-373-8817 with amount you want to contribute (example: 25).

App: download Vanco Mobile through your app store.

Website: Click on "Give" button on the TLC website.

Mail: 511 S. 5th St., St. Peter, MN 56082

Scan:



Faith and Civic Life Study

Interested in thinking about how our Lutheran faith informs our lives as citizens, especially in this election season? Pr. Scott will lead this five-week study of the ELCA social statement "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-Being of All." We'll meet on Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The remaining dates are: Oct 22 & 29. Can't make all the sessions? No worries! Come when you can.

Indigenous Peoples Day Event

The Native American Parents Association of our local School District along with the St. Peter Good Neighbors Diversity Council have prepared a wonderful event to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day.

On Monday, October 12, people are invited to assemble in the south side parking lot of the Middle School at 5:00 pm to join the walk to Minnesota Square Park where food will be served, indigenous dancers will perform, brief speeches will be heard, and all will be invited to join in the large circle dance! Those who prefer can come directly to the Park to see and participate in the event as well. What a great way to celebrate our neighbors! What's more, it comes as a gift, with no charges at all. We hope to see you in the park!

Tips for a Green Halloween



Halloween can create a surprising amount of waste. A few simple choices can help protect the environment while keeping the fun and traditions of the season.

Decorate naturally. Choose biodegradable decorations such as pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks, branches, pinecones and fallen leaves. Get creative by making decorations from reusable or upcycled materials like jars, cardboard, fabric scraps and paper bags.

Protect wildlife. Avoid artificial spider webbing, which can trap birds and small animals. Skip glitter-covered decorations, too, as they can shed microplastics into our soil and waterways.

Give pumpkins a second life. Compost pumpkins or donate them to local farms or organizations that accept them rather than throwing them in the trash.

Reuse next year. Save baskets, ceramic pumpkins, signs and other seasonal decorations. Reusing what you already have saves money and reduces waste.

Small changes can make Halloween a little greener while still keeping it fun!

~ Trinity Creation Care Team

This week @ Trinity

Sunday, October 11

8:00 am *Celebration Singers Rehearsal*
9:00 am *Worship Service*
9:15 am *Sunday School*
10:00 am *Coffee Fellowship*
10:15 am *Adult Education*
10:30 am *First Communion Class*
5:30 pm *Men's Ministry*

Monday, October 12 Indigenous Day Office Closed

5:30 pm *The Kitchen*
6:30 pm *Council Committee Meeting*

Tuesday, October 13

10:30 am *Staff Meeting*

Wednesday, October 14

4:00 pm *Bell Choir*
NO Joy Choir Rehearsal
NO Confirmation

Thursday, October 15

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17

Sunday, October 18

8:00 am *Celebration Singers Rehearsal*
9:00 am *Worship Service*
10:00 am *Coffee Fellowship*
4:00 pm *Justice & Belonging*

Attendance

October 4: 9:00 am ~ 150



In our prayers...

Tim Rietz, brother of Ron Rietz
Beau and Estee Bachman and family
Marlyn Bottolfson, father of Mari Feder
Mary Jo Erickson
Mari Feder
Tami, friend of Mari Feder
Sheila, daughter of Ruth Sundin
Sue Guth
Jill, sister of Mari Feder
Helga Haedt
Bryan Ebbenga
Sandy Grochow
Merle Hoffman, son of Melva Leonard
Daniel Espeland, friend of Tammala Pierce
Geneva Mueller, mother of Gretchen Lind
Edi Thorstensson
Erin Buss, daughter of Dale Buss
Judy Maharry
Dorothy Paulsen
Casey Dunker
David Scheff
Jesse Hokom
Alena Nyhammer
Walt Grochow
Nancy Sizer
Ruth Sundin
Sally Lambert
Sandy Fahning
Jaye Marcotte, sister of Ytve Prafke
Arlene Lindquist

2026 Exploring Religious Questions at Gustavus Beyond Land Acknowledgements:

Toward Relationship, Healing, and Justice

October 12, 19, 26 & November 2 at 7:00-9:00 pm.

Heritage Room/Three Crowns (near the Dining Center)
in Jackson Student Center

October 12: Gustavus on Dakota Lands, Dr. Ursula Lindqvist

October 19: The Blanket Exercise, 500 Years of Broken Treaties, Rev. Amy Odgren

October 26: Living into the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, Rev. Amy Odgren & Deacon Colleen Bernu

November 2: Land Acknowledgement and Beyond: Lessons from Anglican and Episcopal Initiatives in North America, Rev. John E. Robertson

Registration is \$35, forms are available on a table in the narthex. Parking in campus lots is free and open to the public after 5:00 p.m.

The Nobel Conference

Week 2 of the Nobel Conference Session Highlights

Ancient Fishes and the Modern Mississippi: Conserving the Past for our Future - Dr. Solomon R. David Dr.

David will explore what living fossil fishes can tell us about ecological change and adaptation, how they can help restore vital habitats, their contribution to modern medicine, and why we consider some species valuable game fish and discard others as rough fish. This discussion is particularly pertinent to our area given the incredible come-back paddlefish are making on the Minnesota River. Paddlefish have been in North America for 125 million years, can grow up to 7ft long and weigh upwards of 80 lbs. Other ancient fish found in the Minnesota River include gar, bowfin and sturgeon. You can catch Dr. David on the first day of the Nobel Conference at 2:00 pm.

...our sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Margo Brown. May God comfort and strengthen them during this difficult time.

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