



Tri-County Ministry News

October 2025

Special congregational meetings

Sunday, October 12

Following worship at Our Savior's, Trinity,
Grace, Faith, and McVile

Sunday, October 19

Following the First Presbyterian service

Trinity's agenda will also include
discussion on the future of the Trinity
Parsonage.

Please mark this on your calendar and
plan to attend.

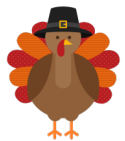
Benefit Supper

Grace in Grace City will host a spaghetti
Benefit Supper for Gerri Ann Ellingson on
Friday, October 25. Your freewill donation
will help Gerri Ann in her breast cancer
journey. Serving from 4pm to 7pm.

Pounds for the Pantry

Annual ingathering for local food banks
coming soon to our churches.

Stock up now and help your
church win the traveling turkey!



Trinity Quilters

Quilting at Trinity begins Monday, October
6 at 1:00 p.m. Weekly gatherings around
the quilting tables.

Anyone who is interested in sewing quilt
tops or tying quilts is welcome!

Trunk or Treat



October 31

5:00 — 6:30

Lutheran Church of McVile

Free taco in a bag!

Wear your best costumes!

Memorial Service

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September 12

Lutheran Church of McVile

Blessed be his memory.

Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering

July 16-19, 2026 in Des Moines, IA

"I Am Worthy"

Please check your church mailbox or
contact Corrina Olson
in McVile for more
info.

(Bus transportation
will be available.)



Tri-County Ministry Council
September 22, 2025
7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church in Binford

PRESENT: Amy Olson, Myrna Hanson, Allen Hetland, Janice Johnson, Gilbert Black, Kayla Bjork, Marvin Goplen, Truley Trautman, Marla Larson, Theresa Fiebiger

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Marla Larson

CALL TO ORDER: Amy Olson

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the July 21, 2025 meeting were approved and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved and filed.

Balance on Hand August 31, 2025	General Fund Checking	\$35,542.92
	Savings Account	\$28,489.27

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Proposed TCM Budget:

Motion by Gilbert Black, seconded by Allen Hetland, to delete Section IX of the Tri-County Ministry Agreement, thereby eliminating the Parsonage Fund. Motion carried. This change will be brought to the next TCM Council meeting for final approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilbert Black, seconded by Kayla Bjork, to accept proposed 2026 budget as presented. Motion carried.

Congregational contributions based on percentage of total of 195 TCM active confirmed members. Congregational membership as of September 1, 2025:

Faith 37	Lutheran Church of McVile..... 54
First Presbyterian 19	Our Savior's..... 18
Grace 22	Trinity..... 45

Special congregational meetings will be held Sunday, October 12 in each congregation to approve the congregational contributions for 2026. (First Presbyterian will hold their meeting October 19.)

STAFF REPORTS

Marvin Goplen – attended the Fall Leadership Conference at Fair Hills in September. Prairie Rose Conference led the Tuesday evening worship at the conference, and the three SAMs all participated. SAMs will be attending a SAM event at Red Willow Bible Camp on September 27. Pastor Nancy Monke is the mentor for our three SAMs.

Truley Trautman – Confirmation classes have begun with two students in McVile and seven in Hannaford. Dates have been set for the Affirmation of Faith confirmation services in 2026: May 3 at Faith and May 10 at Lutheran Church of McVile.

Marla Larson – reported on Fair Hills and on upcoming synod events. Encouraged congregations to submit Form A (report to synod) annually.

CONGREGATION REPORTS

Trinity – Worship attendance has been good. Had a lay-led service on September 21; two third graders received their Bibles. Congregation will meet following worship on October 12 to discuss the future of the parsonage in Binford.

Grace – Led worship at the nursing home in New Rockford on September 14; Bob Schlotman also participated. Service was well received and Grace will plan to lead more services in the future.

Our Savior's – Ongoing discussion on how to repair windows.

First Presbyterian – A recorded music system is being purchased for use at the Sunday worship services and more.

Faith – Window and siding project is complete; water problems in church basement. Sunday School has begun with 11 students; confirmation classes have also begun. Kumla supper planned for November 8.

Lutheran Church of McVile – Club 3:16 and confirmation classes have begun. Third grade Bibles have been presented. Trunk or Treat planned for Halloween.

NEXT MEETING: October 27, 2025 at 7:00 in Binford

LORD'S PRAYER

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted by
Janice Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer
Theresa Fiebiger, Recorder

TRI-COUNTY MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

TCM Parish Administrator

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 Marvin Goplen, SAM
 Bob Schlotman
 Rev. Russ Pollock***

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