



THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



Advent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. The colors of blue and white remind me of the skies and the snow. The stars at night can be so bright it brings to mind the

shepherds who did a good share of waiting and watching as it was part of their work!

During this season of Advent and Christmas at Trinity Lutheran, I invite you to explore, listen and reflect on the theme: "The Light of Grace: Welcoming God's Amazing Gift of Christ". We will ponder the light of grace that offers: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Each Sunday a candle will be lit on the Advent wreath; accompanied by a reading from the Advent devotional that is available to all individuals and families at Trinity Lutheran. The sermons on the four Sundays in Advent will introduce us more deeply to the biblical stories of: Zechariah, Isaiah, Elizabeth and Mary. Of course, it all points to the celebration of Christmas Eve on the evening of December 24th with the service of Candlelight, Communion and Carols.

So, I invite you to set aside time during the season of Advent to be open to the Spirit and its movement in your life and the world. This invitation will be a challenge as it will take time....time to stop, ponder, discuss, reflect and prayer. It is difficult and for you, as individuals and families, there will be a necessary intentionality about it-- be it Sunday worship, daily Ad-

vent devotions (lighting the candles; reading the devotion; prayer). Intentionally setting aside the time for contemplating the season of Advent and Christmas might help you/us get through this season with a new appreciation of waiting and watching, rejoicing and hoping. As Christians, we anticipate the coming of Jesus, both the first coming in the manger and in his future second coming. An intentional slowing down in the midst of the rush may allow us to discover, recover and renew the joy that we have in God's presence in our daily life.

May this season of Advent and Christmas encourage you, excite you, and energize you, as we celebrate God's love which is made known to us this Christmas as it was that first Christmas morning- "All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel" which means,

"God is with us."

Matthew 1: 22-23

Pastor Carol

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Dan Klassen
Vice President: Josh Tonkin
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Financial Admin: Brenda H.
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee
Lay Ministry: Judy Doble
Worship: Cathy Sorenson
Youth: Caitlyn Carlson



Trinity Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting—7:00 PM
 Wed- November 8, 2023

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Dan Klassen Josh Tonkin Cathy Sorenson Judy Doble Nikki Smith Ashley Parrish Caitlyn Carlson Margaret Durkee
Devotion: Dan Klassen
Secretary report-Kathy Wilkening - was accepted as read. Treasures Report was accepted as read. Thankoffering will go to the Synod.
Stewardship-Margaret Durkee- The pledge plus time and talent survey stewardship material were handed out to torchbearers on Sunday. There were 33 mailed envelopes with stamped self-addressed envelopes to return pledge along with information.
Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Judy Doble-Cards are being sent out.
Church Properties- Mark Durkee None
Christian Education-Nikki Smith - GIFT has 61 kids registered. November 15th GIFT the kids will be split in half and to go to Dollar General to buy gifts for the kids at the Ronald McDonald

House in Rochester. The remainder of kids will go December 6th to shop. With the volunteers being split the GIFT program could use more volunteers for the next 2 meetings.

Youth-Caitlyn Carlson The youth carved pumpkins and displayed them at the front of the church. Had a great turn out for the Election supper. Possible trip to Rochester with the youth to deliver to the Ronald McDonald house gifts.
Worship-Cathy Sorenson Making plans for Advent. Cathy looked over the Pictorial template for the new directory. The new sound system is \$2,000 over estimated because the power system (protection against lighting) was

GIFT Christmas program on December 20 at 5:30 pm. Spaghetti supper after the program. Everyone is invited to come for the program and supper.

installed with sound system in fellowship hall. Cathy inquired at HyVee as to why we have not received the last \$1000 from the receipts. They said Trinity needed a W9 form. Eloise Miller has donated her Precious Moment Collection and will be displayed at church. Pastor Carol is asking for prayers for herself and husband Jon while recovering for back surgery. Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30.

OLD BUSINESS: None
NEW BUSINESS:

Motion accepted for facility use agreement for Jan Ringeisen on December 9 for baby shower for

Pastor Report: Continue with the home visits. Preparing for Advent beginning December 3rd with the theme "The Light of Grace." Visited with Pastor Heather who will be here from our synod at 9:00 Sunday November 19. All are welcome to attend. Adult Education is meeting at 9:00 before church service and will be meeting every Sunday in December. Attending the text study with colleagues and Jon at Good Earth Village. Pastors schedule will be fluid the next couple of weeks as Jon will be having PT. Will be working from home office. Pray for Jon a fast recovery and Pastor Carol.
Youth Directors Report: Ashley Parrish October and November will have 2 GIFT meetings. Janice Ringeisen and Ashley taught First Communion Classes to 8 students. On Sunday October 22 twelve youth led church service. Kids did a great job. On October 31 youth Halloween Party. Food crafts and games were enjoyed by 75 youth plus parents and grandparents.

Submitted by Secretary, Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of October 31, 2023

Checking Account Bal.	\$68,923
Savings Account Bal.	\$54,237
OCTOBER:	
General Fund Income	\$ 9,032
General Fund Expenses	\$ 7,764
Net long	\$ 1,268
NOVEMBER:	
Cash Available	\$ 68,923
Bills to pay	\$ 15,181
Cash long	\$53,742

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
Dec 3—1st Advent	Isa 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Luke 1:1-25
Dec 10—2nd Advent	Isa 40:1-11	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Isaiah 2:4;6:5
Dec 17—3rd Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalm 126	Luke 1:25-60+
Dec 24—4th Advent	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:34-53
Dec 24-Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14[15-20]

Thank you to the Trinity Youth Group kids and all others who helped with the Election Nite Soup Supper.



The Youth also carved pumpkins





WELCA News

To all Trinity members: please plan to make goodies for the annual cookie walk which will be December 2nd. Cookies, candy, treats, and snack are all welcome.

We hope you enjoyed the pie and coffee that was served after the Thanksgiving Eve service. Thanks to the ladies that took care of this.

At our WELCA meeting it was decided to buy three new roasters for the church kitchen. The old ones no longer seem safe to use.

Judy Doble volunteered to be representative from Trinity on the Living Meadows auxiliary along with Robin Miller. Also Joyce Ysker is now the contact person for Heartland Senior Living.

The WELCA handbook is being updated and all women will be getting an updated copy. Remember if you are a women and a member of Trinity you are automatically a member of the WELCA whether you attend the meetings or not.

I hope those of you assigned to prayer children remembered to send a Thanksgiving card and this of them with Cards for Christmas too.

As president of this organization I am very thankful for how willing the ladies are to volunteer to help with various activities.

Barb Shoen



Youth Director December Newsletter

Happy December to all! I am very excited for the holiday season! It is my favorite time of the year as we get to see family and celebrate with all our family traditions. One of my favorite traditions is shopping for the kids staying at the Ronald McDonald House. It is something that is near and dear to my heart as my family stayed there when my oldest was very sick. After that experience, I decided that I wanted to turn it into something positive, so we decided to give back my giving gifts to the kids and families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. It is something we have done for about 9 years. I am so thankful that our tradition has become a tradition for our GIFT kids. It is so much fun to see their excitement as they thoughtfully pick out gifts for others! I am so grateful for the support of the congregation and parents because I know that we can spread a little bit of hope and joy to so many families during this holiday season!

~Ashley Parish~

EVENTS:

December 6th GIFT 2:15-5:30

December 20th GIFT 2:15-5:30 and Christmas Program 5:30 with meal to follow
(All are welcome to attend)

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$77,574.29

Hy-Vee-\$32,757.49

**We received another \$1000 from HyVee
Congratulations!**

Keep those receipts coming!!

***Please make sure the receipts are not get-*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE In-person Service at 10 am on Sunday's & live on FB	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	PASTOR OFFICE HRS Mon-8-10 a Wed-8-10 a Call her cell any time at 605-391-1086			1	2
3 <u>Communion</u> 1ST ADVENT 9:15-9:45 Bible Study	4	5 9:45 Open Bible Study	6 GIFT class 2:15-5:30	7	8	
10 2nd ADVENT 9:15-9:45 Bible Study	11	12	13 Confirmation 2:15-3:15	14	15	16
17 <u>Communion</u> 3rd ADVENT 9:15-9:45 Bible Study	18 Newsletter 	19	20 GIFT class 2:15-5:30 GIFT PROGRAM at 5:30 supper after	21 	22	23
24 Regular worship Service at 10 am Christmas Eve Candlelight at 6:30 pm	25 <u>NO SERVICE</u> 	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve Hymn Sing With Pastor Rebecca			GIFT Christmas Program to be held on Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30 pm. A Spaghetti supper will be served afterwards.			

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

Thank You!

Pastor Carol and her husband Jon, would like to thank you for prayers and cards of healing and encouragement as Jon underwent extensive back surgery in early November. He is doing well; and beginning physical therapy soon. He is on the way to a good recovery! Thanks be to God!

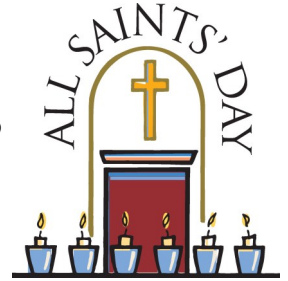
Pastor Carol and Pastor Jon Mapa

On November 5th, All Saints Sunday, we remembered our passed loved ones. Those who passed away from Trinity in 2023 are:

Arlene Peterson—6/20/23

Rosalie Heckman—6/28/23

Their memory is a blessing forever!



Thank you to JoAnn Knutson for knitting all the gloves and hats again this year!!



STEP of Fairmont is no longer taking old light strings or wire.

Please do not bring any more to church.

Help is needed with 2nd Harvest. It only involves your time for 6 hours a year!

Contact Cathy S. if interested



The GIFT Class purchased gifts from the dollar store for the kids at the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. The bags were delivered in person on November 26.

In case of inclement weather, announcements about Trinity's worship service cancellations will be found on the KEYC TV...

The announcements will also be text messaged to you if your signed up to receive them and on Trinity's website and Facebook page.

(if you would like to sign up for text messages contact the church office 507-776-4781)

Inclement Weather Policy



Prayers

We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:

Larry Miller, Jerry Teig, Linnea Huss, Norm & Marilyn Anderson, Pastor Penny Ritter, Marlene Breitbarth, Ramona-(Darrell B's daughter), and The Mammenga family.

Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.



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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES  12/1– Kent & Christ Hydman— 50 years 12/1–Ryan & Julie Bruderie —22 years 12/2–Wayne & Becky Maloney—51 yrs 12/2–Larry & Amy Mohwinkel—34 years					1 Jonah Carlson Jordan Carlson	2 Keegan Hastad
3 Arlene Wegner (81 years)	4	5	6	7 Marilyn Anderson	8 Geri Peterson (88 years)	9
10 Cheryl Culbertson Kaela Kelley	11	12	13	14 Doris Fedder (86 years) 	15	16 Lori Anderson
17 Ella Fadness	18	19	20	21 Sophia Carlson Becky Maloney	22	23
24  Candlelight Service	25	26	27 Norman Anderson (84 years)	28	29	30 Laurie Wille
31 Mike Wiederhoeft						

GIFT Christmas Program and Spaghetti Supper at Trinity Lutheran Church



December 20th at 5:30 pm

Christmas Program will start after GIFT at 5:30pm

Meal will be served from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Meal Includes: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, bars and juice.

Families and Congregation are all invited!





Merry Christmas

Cookie Walk

at

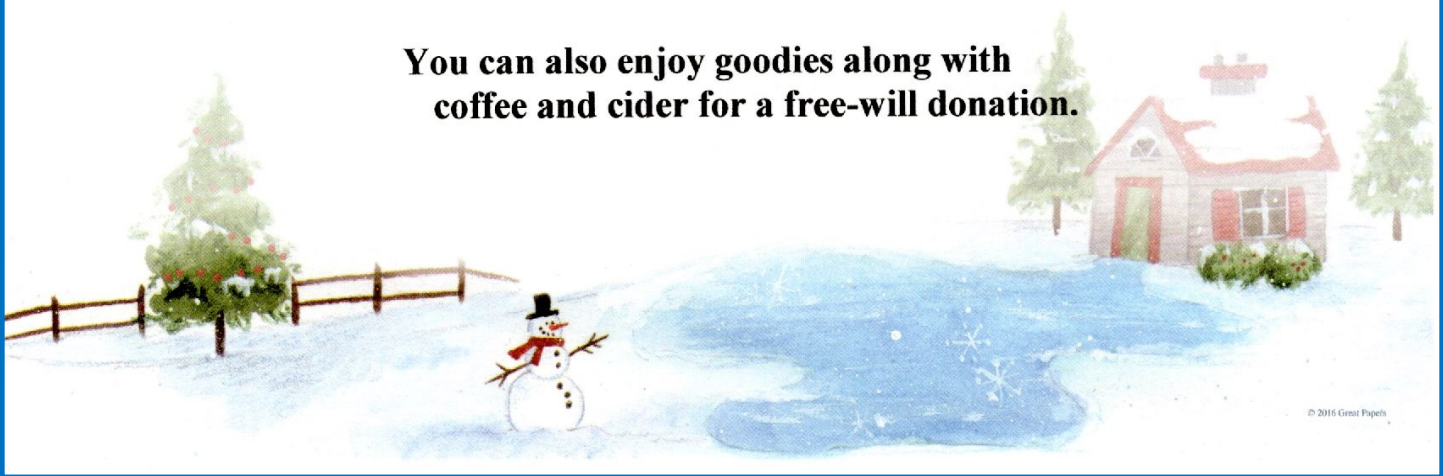
*Trinity Lutheran Church
Truman, Minnesota*

*Saturday, December 2
8:00-10:00 AM*

**Let Trinity help you with your Christmas baking--
lots of cookies, caramels, kringle, party mix, etc.**

**You pick what you want and pay by the pound.
Containers are provided.**

**You can also enjoy goodies along with
coffee and cider for a free-will donation.**



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- 1 Pastor's Letter
- 2 Council Minutes
- 3 Worship/Youth Pictures
- 4 WELCA /Youth News
- 4 December Calendar
- 6 Parish News
- 7 Birthdays/Anniversaries
- 8 Cookie Walk Flyer
- 9 GIFT Program/supper



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“THE GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY”

changed the course of every silent night to come.”

—ALICIA BRUXVOORT

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