

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

As I was working at my computer tonight, I happened to look up at the picture of my dogs, now gone, that hangs above my desk and I realized how much I still miss them. They were a pair!

Fred was a terrier/dachshund mixed with whatever had been in the neighborhood at the time. Augie was a registered red dachshund (I didn't register him; his former owners did). Fred, the younger, was a charming little mischievous thief; Augie was laid back and often appeared thoughtful. Fred adopted Augie, who had been collateral damage in a divorce, and 'brought him home' after meeting him at a kennel where they were both staying, and from that time on they were inseparable.

Many years ago my family had a cabin on a lake in northern MN. Fred and Augie always went with me when I travelled to the cabin; they loved it because they could run free, chase chipmunks, and go for boat rides.

Now it happened that one spring week, my brother and his wife and I were there, opening the cabin for the summer. We were outside painting the sections of dock, picking up branches and twigs and raking up leaves that had fallen after we closed up the previous fall. Fred and Augie had been playing when all of a sudden I heard Augie barking as he circled around our neighbor's cabin, stopping periodically to sniff under the cabin. My first fear of course was that he had cornered a rabbit, a raccoon or a skunk, but his cries were less those of the excitement of the hunt, and more the barking of a frantic dog in distress. Then I realized Fred was no where to be seen!

You need to understand that our neighbor's cabin did not have a solid foundation; rather it sat on large rocks placed at intervals under the cabin, leaving large open spaces which made it easy for animals to crawl under the cabin. That is what Freddie had done!

I got down on my hands and knees to look under the cabin. I could see Fred just standing, semi-trapped by some studs under the cabin. I called to him. He made no

moves. I was afraid his collar had caught on a stray nail and he could not move, but was anchored by his collar to the old boards. I also knew that Fred, for some strange reason, did not know how to back up. He only knew straight ahead. He would not turn around and he would not back up. He just stood there. I didn't know what I was going to do. I knew there was no way I was going to be able to crawl under the cabin. I don't know how one calls a neighbor and asks for permission to raise their cabin off of the foundation to rescue a dog. All the time I was calling Fred, trying to coax him out from under the cabin, Augie continued to circle the cabin, barking frantically. Then it got quiet, and before I knew what had happened, Augie had darted through one of the open spaces in the foundation and was now also under the cabin!

I really didn't know what to do except cry and pray (yes, I pray for my pets). All was quiet for what seemed like an eternity, but was probably only a few minutes. Then I heard that wonderful sound of the tinkling of dog tags. First out was Augie, followed by Fred. I realized what had happened. Augie had gone under that cabin, and somehow had gotten Fred to follow him out to safety. I was able to bring both of my beloved dogs home!

In a simple way Augie had illustrated the gospel message. Augie risked his own life, to go under that cabin with all of its potential dangers, to lead Fred safely out, to home. Jesus Christ came into a very dangerous world, to bring humankind, who had gotten themselves into a precarious situation safely back to God, and finally safely home forever. I don't know how Augie did what he did. Jesus did it by way of the cross. I assume Augie did what he did out of animal instinct. I know why Jesus did what He did. It is called Love, Divine Love.

Frankly both stories thrill my soul. I thanked God that day for my dogs' safety. I thank God daily for my safety in Jesus Christ. I hope you do too!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Penny

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: TBD
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Treasurer: N/A
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk
Lay Ministry: Eloise Miller
Worship: Jan Ringeisen
Youth: Teresa Zaharia



Trinity Lutheran Church
Wed. January 12, 2022

Present: Yvonne Noorlun, Nikki Smith, Teresa Zaharia, Dan Smith, Eloise Miller, Rhonda Bonk, Dallas Wegner, Cathy Sorenson (subbing for Jan Ringeisen)

Yvonne called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was read. Corrections made were Rhonda Bonk was present at the meeting, gifts were delivered to Ronald McDonald house in Sioux Falls, and the loan that was forgiven was P.P.P.

Teresa presented the treasurer's report with a net ending balance of \$28,012.78 in the checking account and \$24,726.21 in the designated accounts. The council is grateful to all who have met or exceeded their pledges. Motion carried to accept the treasurer's report.

BOARD REPORTS:
Stewardship--A couple more time and talent sheets and a couple more checks came in during the last month.
Lay Ministry--Eloise thanked everyone for the many Christmas cards that were donated. They will be asking for Easter and Thanksgiving cards.
Church Properties--Dan Smith will be added to mowing list.
Christian Education--GIFT is going well. About 28 kids were at the church in January. They used Bibles to play Bible trivia and everyone was a winner!
Youth--They still have a few Kwik Trip cards for car washes if anyone is interested. They will be serving some Lenten suppers--the number to be determined. Nine kids are interested in going to the convention in Minneapolis this summer.
Worship--The communion schedule was set up. This includes setting up communion and changing the altar cloths. Also discussed were having lay readers and someone in charge of ringing the bell.
Pastor's report--Pastor has stayed busy contacting people by phone or card thanking them for their attendance in church. She did a former member's funeral and assisted at another funeral. We all appreciate this personal way she is reaching out to people who are members. It means a lot to people to know they have been missed.
OLD BUSINESS:
 Yvonne reported that the candidate they interviewed has declined to come for a second interview. The distance and trav-

eling is an obstacle for her. The synod is still looking for other candidates for us.

NEW BUSINESS

We have two confirmands this year. It was decided to have their Confirmation Service on Palm Sunday, April 10. Items to be brought up at the annual meeting were discussed.

Cathy Sorenson
 subbing for Kathy Wilkening



I want to thank the congregation for the bird feeding station outside my church window. I just love seeing God's little critters flying or hopping around outside.

Brenda Hansen
 Church Office Administrator



Treasurer's Summary Report As of December 31, 2021

Checking Account Bal.	\$39,221
Savings Account Bal.	\$54,372
DECEMBER:	
General Fund Income	\$ 16,323
General Fund Expenses	\$ 8,179
Net long	\$ 8,144
JANUARY:	
Cash Available	\$ 39,221
Bills to pay	\$ 5,219
Cash long	\$34,002

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
February 6– 5 Epiphany	Isa 6:1-8 [9-13]	8 Cor 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
February 13—6 Epiphany	Jer 17:5-10	1 Cor 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
February 20-7 Epiphany	Gen 45:3-11, 15	1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38
February 27- Transfiguration of our Lord	Exod 4:29-35	2 Cor 3:12—4:2	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

TRINITY'S NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2022

Denotes Council Representative, New leadership in **bold print*

*PRESIDENT: **Yvonne Noorlun**

LAY MINISTRY

*VICE-PRESIDENT: **Dan Klassen**

Laurie Wille

*SECRETARY: **Kathy Wilkening**

Eloise Miller*

*FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR: **Brenda Hansen**

Donna Kotewa

*COUNCIL AT LARGE: **Josh Tonkin**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nikki Smith *

Kim Hastad

Allison Klassen

WORSHIP

Brenda Hansen

Marlene Breitbarth

Cathy Sorenson *

CHURCH PROPERTIES

Darrell Drevlow

Mark Durkee

Dallas Wegner *

Mike Wiederhoeft

YOUTH

Teresa Zaharia*

Caitlyn Carlson

Heather Tonkin

(Terresa Davis will help out)

STEWARDSHIP

Rhonda Bonk*

Margaret Durkee

Duane Heckman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: **Chairperson- David Sorenson, Arlene Peterson, LeAnn Maloney, Jan Ringeisen, Julie Brudelic and Cathy Sorenson**

GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP REPRESENTATIVE.: **Laurie Wille**



WELCA News

WANTED: Colored flat sheets. We like using colored sheets for the backs of the quilts. If you have some you no longer use, you could donate them to our quilt project. If you feel generous you could even buy some. It is a little hard to find just flat sheets but there are some. Most sheets come in complete sets with a fitted sheet and pillow cases, too. All we can use for backs are the flat ones. Any size would work but twin or full are less expensive than king or queen.

In my December report, I forgot to mention our mitten tree. JoAnn Knutson once again crocheted beautiful cap and mitten sets. This year she donated 60 sets and some additional ones were purchased by others. Cathy brought half of them to the Truman School and the other half to CADA in Fairmont. A lot of kids will benefit by these gifts.

The Bakeless Bake Sale in December that was held instead of the Cookie Walk brought in \$1,605, which was appreciated. The following organizations received a total of \$1,325 from this fund:

- Salvation Army \$150
- Hospice \$200
- Beyond the Yellow Ribbon \$100
- Lutheran World Relief \$50

- Lutheran Social Service \$50
- St. Peter Treatment Center \$50
- Arc Southwest \$50
- Options Pregnancy Center \$50
- Steven Ose Ministry \$75
- Kid Against Hunger \$150
- Heaven's Table \$150
- Crest \$150
- Caring Bridge \$100


Our next meeting will be February 21, which happens to fall on a quilting day. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for our quilting days this winter. In January we had to cancel our monthly Bible Study because of the snow!

Barb Shoen

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

In the book of Revelation, who or what is "prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband"?

- A. The church
- B. The Spirit
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. The new Jerusalem



Answer: D (See Revelation 21:2.)

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$69,510.96
Hy-Vee-\$96,387.54

Keep those receipts coming!!

***Please make sure the receipts are not getting cut off -- this makes them useless.*



FEBRUARY

2022

March 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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27	28	29	30	31		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE In-person Service at 10:30 am on Sunday's & streaming live on FB	<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	1	2 GIFT CLASS 2:15-5:15 GROUNDHOG DAY	3 9 am Open Bible Study	4 	5
6 <u>Communion</u>	7	8	9 7 PM Church Council mtg. Confirmation Class 4:30-6	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16 Newsletter 	17	18	19
20 <u>Communion</u>	21 WELCA mtg at 1:30 	22	23 Confirmation Class 4:30-6	24	25 	26
27 	28				COMING IN MARCH 3/2-Ash Wed Wed Lenten worship -7 pm 3/13 daylight Savings 3/20 Spring	

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

THANK
you.

Dear Trinity Family,
Thank you for the
Perkins gift card!

Thank you also for letting me share
God and His love with our Confirma-
tion group! They are awesome!

~Karen Koeder



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

*Through Thrivent Choice,
eligible members can
recommend where Thrivent Financial
distributes some of its charitable out-
reach grant dollars among thousands of
participating nonprofit organizations and
congregations.*

\$19.00 deposit

**We need to continue to apply to Thrivent for
funding for our Church projects. Contact
Yvonne Noorlun and she will help you with
the application process!**

Trinity's President Report



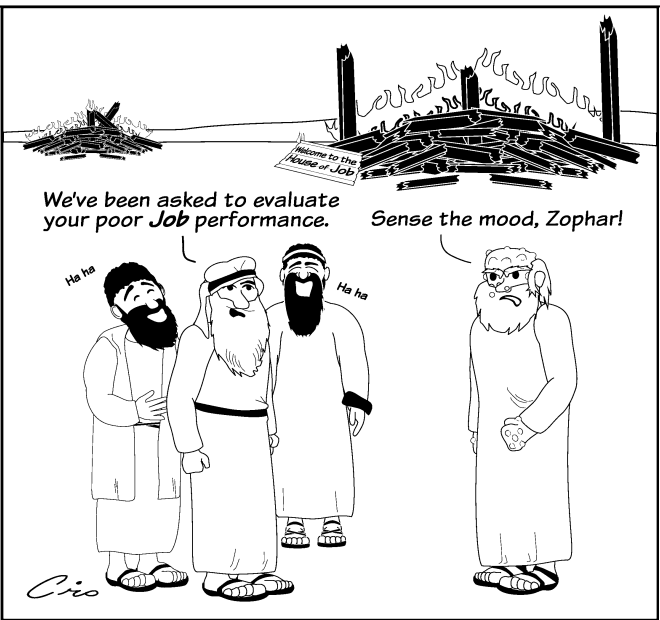
**We had our annual
meeting on Sunday
and voted on the
slate of officers and
committee members for 2022.**

**A special thanks to all who
volunteered to serve.**

**2022 will be a busy year, and I
look forward to working with all
of you.**

Yvonne Noorlun, President

In case of Inclement weather,
announcements about Trinity's
worship service cancellations
will be texted to you and also be
announced on our website,
Facebook page and on the KEYC television
station out of Mankato, MN.



Prayers

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

**Ardene Miller, Larry Miller, Rosalie Heckman,
Doris Fedder, and Linnea Huss.**

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



We love our church!



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>1</p>	<p>2 Roger Carlson</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3 Emma Wiederhoeft</p>	<p>4 Joyce Jorgenson</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>6 Judy Doble</p>	<p>7 Amanda Babinski Patrick Wiederhoeft</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Hailey Olson</p>	<p>10 Jim Hansen</p>	<p>11 Mark Durkee David Sorenson</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Judy Doble</p>	<p>14 Happy Valentine's Day!</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 "From now on you will be catching people." LUKE 5:10, NRSV</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Dean Ehlert</p> <p>Transfiguration SUNDAY</p>	<p>21 Presidents Day</p>	<p>22 Mariah Mosloski</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Love {like} Jesus</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Sandy Fisk Lowell Noorlun</p>
<p>27 Dean Ehlert</p> <p>Transfiguration SUNDAY</p>	<p>28 Bryce Hansen</p>					

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THE MESSENGER

February 2022


We Love
Because
HE First
Loved
Us



1 John 4:19

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