

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Greetings and salutations Trinity Lutheran members and friends!

As I write this February note, I am grateful for the sun beaming through the office window at Trinity Lutheran Church. I enjoy the view from this window, as I am able to watch the seasons pass by and evolve one into another. We are in the midst of a warm-up this week after several days/week of sub-zero temps and a brutal wind; producing some threatening wind chill. Be as my mom used to say: "This too shall pass!". We will be ending the church season of Epiphany early in the month of February.

Transfiguration Sunday (02/11/2024) is the seasons transition into Lent. Lent, begins with our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14th (yes, we share it with the secular "Saint Valentine's Day"). The season of Lent includes five Sundays and five midweek worship services. Palm/Passion Sunday invites us into the week we call: "Holy" which includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. After these somber days of the Passion, we visit an empty grave and rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord, on Sunday, March 31st. Lent is a season of thoughtful reflection and our need for repentance and focusing on the practices of prayer, fasting and service. It is also a time, historically, of preparation for those seeking to be baptized. I would like to encourage you, dear Trinity members/friends to be intentional about spending time with God in prayer. There are several practices that I would encourage you to partake in. During worship on Sundays in Lent I will introduce some prayer practices/disciplines that are varied and that may enhance your prayer life. There is more than one way to pray! As we enter this season of Lent, begin it with WORSHIPING ON ASH WEDNESDAY, talk about a way to spend Valentines Day--- the gift of Jesus Christ and the journey he set upon in his last weeks of life is an INCREDIBLE LOVE STORY! A LOVE STORY from God to us- his beloved.

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Practice (daily time set aside in a consistent manner)

Reflect (read/listen/write- journal what you feel/think and hear from God.)

Attentive (concentrate and tune out distractions)

Yearning (God yearns to spend time with you)

Enter (allow your heart to open for God's Spirit)

Renew (God desires to renew in you a right spirit)

I look forward to entering into this Lenten season with you, as we begin our second year of ministry together.

Pastor Carol

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Josh Tonkin

Vice President: Dan Klassen

Secretary: Kathy Wilkening

Financial Admin: Nikki Smith

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
January 11, 2023**

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Dan Klassen Josh Tonkin Cathy Sorenson Nikki Smith Ashley Parrish Judy Doble

Treasures Report-Nikki Smith- Income for 2023 was \$94,365.13 and expenses for 2023 were \$92,044.90 and the budget for 2023 was estimated at \$87,075. After reviewing the Expense account for January. Motioned granted to accept the treasurer's report and to pay the January expenses.

Secretary Report-Kathy Wilkening - It was noted that \$1960 more money has come back for pledges. Total of \$87.540 for pledges for 2024. the secretary report was accepted with update

Stewardship- None

Lay Ministry/Evangelism-Judy Doble- Discussion on reducing the cards mailed. Council thought that the young and the older mem-

bers as well as the sick and shut-ins should receive the cards. Judy will bring it back to the card committee for further review.

Church Properties- Dan Klassen Discussion on pest control. Don and Kathy Wilkening will set and maintain mouse traps throughout the church. The council will discontinue Plunkett Pest Control.

Christian Ed/GIFT- Nikki Smith and Ashley Parrish- GIFT was held December 6, 20, and January 3rd. Average attendance was 40 youth. The Christmas program and spaghetti supper went well and served about 80 meals. Thank you to all who helped. December 12 Nikki and Ashley delivered 75 gifts to Sioux Falls Ronald McDonald house as well as the Sanford Children's Hospital. The youth are going to present a talent contest next GIFT to showcase the gifts God has given them. Upcoming events are to purchase gifts for Easter baskets to again be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House.

Youth-Ashley Parrish January 28 plan to meet and make decorated cookies to be delivered to shut-ins. Plan to deliver Easter baskets to Ronald McDonald house and to cook and serve a meal for the guest. Palm Sunday is Confirmation.

Worship-Cathy Sorenson Will meet with the pastor to plan for Lenten services. Decide on ushers, readers, communion servers and dates.

Pastor's Report-Dan Klassen - Pastor Carol had one funeral, home visits, assisted living/memory care, hospital visit, cards, phone calls, emails and office visits. Planning

future services. Adult Education on January 14 will be Pastor Gretchen Bachman on Green Lake Bible Camp. Palm Sunday will have 5 confirmands with a faith statement and verse. Thank you for all the support through Jon's recovery. Pastor would like Trinity to keep the call list for a new pastor active. Pastor would like more youth from our area to go to Green Lake Bible Camp as well as more than one acolyte.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motioned accepted to have Josh Tonkin and Nikki Smith on the Trinity checking account. Yvonne Noorlun is working on the Job Committee Description. Brenda will be presenting a power-point presentation at the annual meeting about QR codes and our giving app. The Annual meeting is January 21 immediately after a short worship service. January 28 installation of new Leadership for 2024

Submitted by Secretary,
Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of December 31, 2023

Checking Account Bal.	\$73,374
Savings Account Bal.	\$54,517

DECEMBER:

General Fund Income	\$ 7,576
General Fund Expenses	\$ 1,405
Net long	\$ 6,171

JANUARY:

Cash Available	\$ 73,374
Bills to pay	\$ 9,054
Cash long	\$64,320

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

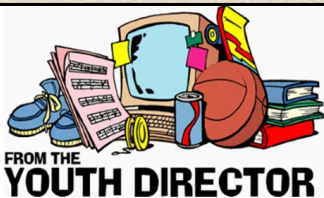
SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
February 4– 5 Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21-31	1 Cor 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
February 11-Transfiguration	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Cor 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
February 14-Ash Wed	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	2 Cor 5:20b—6:10	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21
February 18-1st Lent	Genesis 9:8-17	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
February 25–2nd Lent	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16	Rom 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-39

TRINITY'S NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2024

*Council Representative

PRESIDENT: *Josh Tonkin, **VICE-PRESIDENT:** *Dan Klassen, **SECRETARY:** *Kathy Wilkening, **FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR:** *Nikki Smith, **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-***Nikki Smith, **CHURCH PROPERTIES** - *Mark Durkee, **WORSHIP-** Jan Ringeisen, (Yvonne Noorlun-Alternate) **STEWARDSHIP** -*Margaret Durkee, **YOUTH-** *Caitlyn Carlson, **LAY MINISTRY—**LeAnn Maloney
NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chairperson– Yvonne Noorlun, Cathy Sorenson, Sandy Meyer, Josh Tonkin and Mike Wiederhoeft
SYNOD DELEGATES: Yvonne & Lowell Noorlun



Youth Director Summary for February 2024

I don't know about everyone else, but I feel like 2024 is already flying by! I cannot believe we are approaching February. I'm sure not everyone will agree, but I enjoy Valentine's Day! It's not the red hearts, flowers, or chocolates, although I do really like chocolate! It's the fact that there is a day set aside to show people we care. I often give my kids handwritten notes with some candy and a special gift. I usually give my husband the same gift every year, but I'm not sure that he has caught on to the tradition. I enjoy giving gifts, it is one of my favorite things to do and I have been told that it is my "love language." I like being able to find something special for someone and show them that I care and that they are important to me. Although Valentine's Day is a designated day to express love, it shouldn't be just one day. Instead, maybe it can be a reminder that we should take the time to show people that we love them, appreciate them and care about them every day!

FEBRUARY EVENTS:

February 7th GIFT 2:15pm-5:30pm

February 21st GIFT 2:15pm-5:30pm

~Ashley Parish Youth Director

WELCA NEWS/BITS & PIECES



WELCA News

Do you have colored flat sheets that are in good condition that you are no longer using? They make good backs for our quilts so we would appreciate your donating them to us. (We do not need white sheets at the present time.)

This year we have seven students graduating and we will soon be asking what their favorite things are and what colors they like. Based on the information we receive we will be making special quilts for them.

On the last Monday and Tuesday of the first three months of the year we meet at church to tie quilts. Everyone available is invited to help us. All you need to be able to do is tie a knot!

Our Open Bible Study is at 9:45 the first Tuesday of the month. All are invited. Then on February 13 after coffee we will have our quarterly WELCA meeting. All women are invited.

Don't forget our Tuesday morning coffee at 8:30 for senior citizens. There is a table for men and one for women. Not all those who attend are members of Trinity.

The next holiday will be Valentines Day. Hopefully we all remember to send our prayer child a card!

Barb Shoen

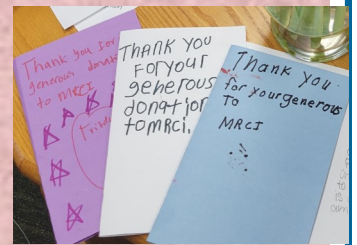


MRCI Sent Flowers to Trinity with notes of appreciation.

"Thank you so much for all you provide to my MRCI group. The clients feel so relaxed while we are here. All the people we interact with are all so nice and

positive to the group. On days when we can't go to ur other church, Trinity is always welcoming. I am so glad we have you! "

Dawn Hartman—MRCI



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



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$77,574.29

Hy-Vee-\$36,220.48

Keep those receipts coming!!

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



Scan your smart phone here



March 2024						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE 10:00 am Worship Streaming live on FB	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8-11	Pastor's Office Hours Mon-10-12 Wed-10-12 <i>You may call her after hours</i>	1 	2 	3	
4 <u>Communion</u> 9 am Bible Study Green Lake Bible Camp guest speaker	5	6 	7 GIFT class 2:15-5:30	8	9	10
11 9 am Bible Study 	12 Brenda on	13 Vacation	14 Conf. class 2:15-3:15 6:30 worship w/communion 7 pm Council meeting	15	16 Newsletter DEADLINE!	17
18 <u>Communion</u> 9 am Bible Study Lake Shetek guest speaker	19 	20	21 GIFT class 2:15-5:30 Lenten Meal 5:15-6:15 Lenten Worship-6:30	22	23	24
25 	26 Bring a sack lunch	27	28 Conf. class 2:15-3:15 Lenten Meal 5:15-6:15 Lenten Worship-6:30	29 <u>Ushers for February</u> Mike Wiederhoeft & Tom Kneeland	<u>Lay Readers for Feb.</u> 2/4-Keegan 2/11-Josh T 2/14-Dan K 2/18-Sandy 2/25-Dave S	<u>Feb. Comm. Servers</u> 2/4-Judy D 2/14-Dave S 2/18 Ross R

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Our deepest Sympathy to the LeAnn (Jeff) Maloney family at the death of her father, Art Stough. He passed away on January 16th in Fairmont. The funeral was held on January 27th at Trinity Lutheran with Pastor Carol Mapa officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date.



Thanks to these faithful people who took down the Christmas decorations. Robin & Charlie, Sandy, Linda M., Margaret, Yvonne & Lowell and Dave & Cathy.

ASH WEDNESDAY/MIDWEEK WORSHIP/HOLY WEEK 2024

Theme: Glimpses—Then and Now

This is a collection of brief dramas which will be part of the Holden Evening Prayer worship services during our mid-week Lenten Services. It includes "a reflection of one or more individuals from a biblical perspective and then, in response from a current perspective." There will also be a ritual of extinguishing candles on the Lenten wreath (much like an Advent wreath).



DAY/TIME:

Wednesdays: 5:15-6:15 Meal
Lenten Worship—6:30 pm



Prayers

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

Jerry Teig, Linnea Huss, Norman & Marilyn Anderson, Linnea Huss, Pastor Penny Ritter, Lois Lloyd's daughter-Amy, The Art Stough family.

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

SUNDAY MORNING GUESTS/ TEMPLE TALKS IN FEBRUARY

Partner Ministries of the
Southwest Synod MN ELCA.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries:

February 4th

Pr Gretchen Bachman
Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

Spicer, MN

9:00 Adult Study time

10:00 a.m. Worship: Temple Talk

February 18th

Executive Director of Shetek: Marv Nysetvold

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Slayton MN

9:00 Adult Study time

10:00 a.m. Worship: Temple Talk

ADULT EDUCATION TIME

February 4th - 9:00 a.m. Guest from Green Lake Bible Camp

February 11th 9:00 a.m. Transfiguration Text and discuss dates/topics for March and April

February 18th 9:00 a.m. Guest from Shetek Bible Camp



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Roger Carlson Groundhog Day	3 Emma Wiederhoeft
4 Joyce Jorgenson	5	6 Charlotte Foster	7	8	9	10 Jim Hansen
11 Mark Durkee David Sorenson	12	13	14 <u>Ash Wed</u> 	15	16 	17
18	19 	20	21 Madelyn Mooney	22 Miriah Mosloski Karen Strausser	23	24
25	26 Sandy Fisk Lowell Noorlun	27 Dean Ehlert	28	29 		

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Address Service Requested



6:30 pm Worship
February 14, 2024







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