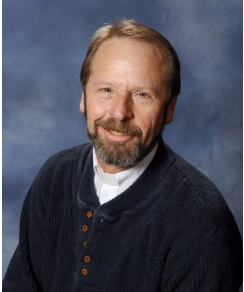




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~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



CENTRAL THINGS

Stir us up, O Lord.

Throughout Advent we prayed this prayer. Stir us up and make us active in our Advent journey. Now we enter Epiphany and look down the road toward Lent. Ours is a continuous travel with God into the future. As we consider what God is up to in our community, we need to ask God to daily stir us up and enliven us to reach into people’s lives and extend the call of Christ into our community.

Which brings me to New Year’s Resolutions. Do you have any?

As we enter the New Year, it is a tradition for many to make New Year’s resolutions of different kinds. We resolve to put an end to our bad habits – once and for all. Maybe you have not been good about exercising, for example and it is time for a new, active lifestyle. Or perhaps you have eaten a little too many things that you really shouldn’t; that comes to an end as the clock passes midnight at the turn of the New Year. On January 1st, you are turning over a new leaf! “I will never again...” or, “From now on I will...” Those sentiments are well known. It is probably not the first time we have said that. Will we manage to keep our promises this time?

New Year’s resolutions are great. We get stirred up to accomplish something we have perhaps planned on doing for a long time. So, seize the opportunity to overcome today – not because it is a new year, but because God called us to take up our cross *each day!*

Why did we not do it yesterday or last week? Perhaps we have waited almost a whole year – ever since last January, when we failed after only two weeks. It is one thing that the jogging trip was delayed four

months because we couldn’t handle the cold, or that the budget didn’t work out as planned. But what about actual sins; those things that prevent God from doing His transforming work in us? Are we just as slow and procrastinating when it comes to that?

What is truly crucial is how well we have put things in order in our relationship to God! Have we taken a serious look at our thought-life and cleansed out all the sin and egotism we see in our lives? What does our conscience say – is there something hidden away? Something needs to happen now – in this moment!

It is just as important to continue, not give up, not become lazy. The consequences of slipping after a few weeks are much more serious when it concerns serving God. If you run in this race, it is not enough just to have a good or mostly good conscience. In contrast to a tired and out-of-shape jogger who is trying to get fit after Christmas, a disciple of Jesus has motivation and hope of completely different dimensions.

*“But those who wait on the Lord
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.”* (Isaiah 40:31)

These people get their strength from God – a strength that is much stronger than muscles, far greater than human dreams and goals. With God’s help, we will reach the goal we have set for ourselves: to partake of the life of Christ. Seize the opportunity for victory today – not because it is a new year but because God called us to take up our cross every day! (Luke 9:23)

*“This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.”* (Psalm 118:24)

Vicar Kent

TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Council Minutes
December 14, 2014

Present: Dave Sorenson, Laurie Wille, Clayton Duncanson, Jan Warrington, Janice Buhmann, Darrell Buhmann, Britta Hartman, Yvonne Noorlun, Vicar Kent Krumwiede, and Jan Ringeisen.

The minutes were read, and there was a correction. The Blue Earth radio station that will be used for cancellations is KJLY. The television station, KEYC will display the cancellation on their website.

Clayton gave the treasurer's report. The checking account balance is \$12,417 and the savings account balance is \$30,411.

It was decided to pay \$300 to support the Lutheran Memorial Home and \$20 for a gift for a new member. This will be added to December's bills.



Stewardship: Our pledges were down about \$8,500 from last

year's pledges. It was reported that last year's pledges were abnormally high.

Lay/Evangelism: Cards have been sent and a baptism was performed. The board has prepared to receive new members soon.

Education: The Sunday School Christmas program was performed on December 14, with a brunch following the service. Attendance was up this year.

Youth: The youth group decorated and delivered cookies to 15 members.

Vicar Kent's Report: He has been making lots of visits. He

was pleased with the attendance at the Sunday School program. He has his new glasses and thanked the church for them. Kent just finished the fall semester of school and is preparing for the January term. He will graduate in 4 months and hopes to be ordained in 5 months. He wants to be ordained at Trinity.

OLD BUSINESS:

Yvonne said that Trinity does have a mission statement. It was written when we were doing our church profile.

The church has received the check from HyVee. Dave presented the check to Britta for the youth group, as was voted on earlier this year.

The new total for HyVee receipts is \$29,853.92. The total for Fareway receipts at this time is \$24,122.72.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion passed that Trinity start a Heating System fund. People may contribute to this fund if they wish. A Trinity family has privately donated \$12,500 to the fund for 2014 and will make another donation of \$12,500 in 2015. The old heating system has been checked and is up and running. The fund will later be used to purchase a new heating system.

Dave presented the list of new council members for 2015.

Green Lake Ministries sent a letter asking for a donation. Laurie mentioned that it might be nice to invite a Green Lake person to a church service to speak to the congregation.

We could take up an offering to donate to Green Lake at that time. This was tabled until a later meeting.

Shalom Hill Farms also sent a letter asking for a donation. This was also tabled until a later meeting.

The 2014 board reports are due on January 2.

Trinity received a letter from the Southwest Minnesota Synod author-

izing Vicar Kent to keep doing all of the things that he has been doing so far. He has 2 mentors assigned to him: Pastor Gene Alms from Sleepy Eye and Pastor Greg Hall from Madelia.

The Call Committee has met. The chairman of the committee is Yvonne Noorlun and Tom Dodge will be the communications person. The committee is confident that the synod is in our corner.

The call committee members are open to converse with anyone that has concerns. They will confidentially take the concerns to the call committee.

The council then worked on the 2015 budget. Britta moved to raise Brenda's church secretary salary \$.50/hour. This will increase her salary to \$14/hour.

This pay increase will take effect in January. motion carried.

Jan Ringeisen-Secretary

PASTORAL ACTS—December

Visits, Home	4
Visits, NH, AL	3
Visits, Hospital	0
Home Communion	7
Worship Services	5
TFA-Confirmation classes	1
Baptisms	1
Weddings	0
Funeral	0
Blessings	0
Counseling	0
Pre-Marriage	2
Pre-Baptism	1
Bible Study	0
Prospective Members	0
Meetings	
Council	1
Congregational	0
Boards/Committees	2
Community Events	0
Synod Meetings	2
Synod Events	0
Conference meetings	
Staff Meetings	4
Seminary On-Campus meeting	

WELCA NEWS
JANUARY



Thanks to Norma, Janice B, Marilyn, Geri, Barb S, and Cathy for mending at Truman Senior Living. The residents and staff appreciate your efforts.

Thanks to everyone who donated cookies/candy or money to the Cookie Walk. We had a record 63 people contribute. We were down about 100 dozen cookies but we had very generous contributions. The profit is \$2747.80 and that money will be used to support our benevolence budget, the card project, and supplies for the kitchen.

Thanks to Carolyn and Division C for helping serve the brunch after the Sunday School Christmas program. The larger crowd made you "scramble" but you pulled it off!

Have you looked at the mitten tree? A HUGE thank you to JoAnn Knutson for knitting the beautiful hats and mittens. Thanks to all those who donated other mittens and caps. They will be donated to the Truman School and the Salvation Army.

We need families to sign up to take a meal to the Carlson family on Wednesdays.

They are so appreciative and it is a

simple way for Trinity to help a church family in our community.

LuElla Kautz has served as secretary for 4 years and Marilyn has served as treasurer for 6 years. They are "retiring" and deserve a huge thank you.

We WILL NOT be gluing cards in January.



Remember your prayer partner for the upcoming holidays!



On Sunday, Dec. 14 (Sunday School Program), a man's black LONDON FOG top coat, large, was mistakenly taken from the coat rack at the South exit door by the kitchen. There is a St. John's Bay coat hanging there instead.

If you had a black coat at the South exit, would you please check your closet to see if you might have taken the wrong coat and please return it to the same coat rack ASAP and take your own coat. If you had guests visiting on that Sunday, please check with them should they have left their coat, and taken my coat.

Dean Gulbranson



Annual Meeting

Trinity's Annual Meeting will be held on January 18 immediately after worship

Committee reports are due in the office by January 2nd.



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway—\$24,122.72

Hy Vee—\$29,853.92

(We have received our first \$1000).

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

You are invited to join the Story with January's Weekly Readings							
Jan.	Sunday	Monday	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
1-3	X	X	X	X	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 8 Phil 2:5-11 Lk 2:15-21	Prov. 1:1-7 Jas 3:13-18 Psalm 148	Prov. 1:20-23 James 4:1-10 Psalm 110
4-10	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18	Prov 22:1-9 Lk 6:27-31 Psalm 110	Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-7, 10-14 Eph 3:1-12 Matt 2:1-12	Exodus 1:22—2:10 Hebrews 11:23-26 Psalm 110	1 Samuel 3:1-21 Acts 9:10- 19a Psalm 29	1 Samuel 16:1-13 1 Timothy 4:11-16 Psalm 29	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Luke 5:1-11 Psalm 29
11-17	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 (3) Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	Gen 17:1- 13 Rom 4:1-12 Ps 69:1-5, 30-36	Exodus 30:22-38 Acts 22:2- 16 Ps 69:1- 5, 30-36	Is 41:14-20 John 1:29- 34 Ps 69:1-5, 30-36	Judges 2:6- 15 2 Cor 10:1-11 Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	Judg 2:16-23 Acts 13:16- 25 Psalm 139:1-6, 13- 18	1 Sam 2:21- 25 Matt 25:1- 13 Ps 139:1-6, 13 -18
18-24	1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Cor 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	1 Samuel 9:27—10:8 2 Cor 6:14—7:1 Psalm 86	1 Samuel 15:10-31 Acts 5:1-11 Psalm 86	Genesis 16:1-14 Luke 18:15- 17 Psalm 86	Jeremiah 19:1-15 Revelation 18:11-20 Ps 62:5-12	Jeremiah 20:7-13 2 Peter 3:1-7 Ps 62:5-12	Jeremiah 20:14-18 Luke 10:13- 16 Ps 62:5-12
25-31	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20	Genesis 12:1-9 1 Cor. 7:17 -24 Psalm 46	Gen 45:25— 46:7 Acts 5:33- 42 Ps 46	Proverbs 8:1-21 Mark 3:13- 19a Ps 46	Deut 3:23- 29 Romans 9:6-18 Psalm 111	Deut 12:28- 32 Rev 2:12-17 Psalm 111	Deut 13:1-5 Matt 8:28— 9:1 Psalm 111

JANUARY LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

January 4 & 11

COMMUNION SERVERS:

1/4-Chad Hastad
1/11-Jerry Teig

LAY READERS:

1/4-Marilyn Duncanson
1/11-Dave Sorenson
1/18-Marlene Breitbarth
1/25-Barb Shoen

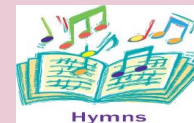
JANUARY USHERS: *Dave Baarson, Vern Quade, Jim Hansen and Zach Hansen

OBJECT LESSON: January 18-Barb Shoen



ACOLYTES:

January



Jan 4-Epiphany/Holy Communion

*As with Gladness Men of Old
Hark the Glad Sound
On Our Way Rejoicing*

Jan 11 –Baptism of our Lord/Holy Communion

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Rejoice, Rejoice Believers
Sent forth by God's Blessings*

Jan 18- Service of the Word

*Come Thou Almighty King
Good Christian Friends Rejoice
Shall We Gather at the River*

Jan 25- Service of the Word

*Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
On Our Way Rejoicing*



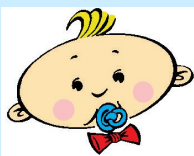
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Worship Schedule</p> <p>TRINITY</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM</p> <p>Sun school</p> <p>10:00 AM</p>	<p><u>OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00</p> <p>Wed-8-11 & 1-4</p> <p>Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	<p><u>Vicar Kent's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Mon.—Thurs.</p> <p>9:00-1:00 pm</p>		<p>1</p> <p><i>Welcome!</i></p> <p>2015!</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Annual Report DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Ron Kelley marries Kaela Krebs at Trinity</p> <p><i>Two Become One</i></p>
<p>4 <u>Communion</u></p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
		<p><i>Epiphany</i></p>	<p>6 pm Choir practice</p>	<p>9 am Open Bible study at Truman Café</p> <p>Lois will meet at 9 am café B-study</p>		
<p>11 <u>Communion</u></p> <p><i>The Baptism of our Lord</i></p>	12	13	14	15	16	17
			<p>6 pm Choir practice</p> <p>7 pm Church Council mtg.</p>		<p>Pat Jones —Scrapbooking</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>DEADLINE!</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>Annual Meeting</p>	<p>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day</p>		<p>6 pm Choir practice</p>			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<p>← 9 am</p> <p>QUILTING DAYS</p>	<p>Quilting →</p>	<p>9 am Messenger Assembly</p> <p>2 pm at TSL</p> <p>6 pm Choir practice</p>			

NEWS

From Our Parish



Congratulations to Dustin & Natalie Splinter on the birth of their son, Tyler Michael. He was born in Albert Lea on November 20th, 2014. Welcoming him home is his big sister Addison (4 yrs). Proud Grandparents from Trinity are Gary & Linda Meyer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Trinity welcomes our newest members: Louis Hinton and his two children, Luke (5th grade) and Abby (2nd grade).



Inclement Weather Policy

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

KSUM-1370 AM
KFMC-106.5 FM
KJLY-104.5 FM

The announcements will also be found on Trinity's website, Facebook page and on the KEYC television station website.

Thank you to our Trinity Family for the cards, memorials, prayers and hugs of sympathy when my brother, David Garrison passed away—so comforting. God Bless you!

Veryle & Joan Williamson



Aubrey Jo Anderson was baptized on December 7th at Trinity Lutheran by Vicar Kent Krumwiede. Her parents are Justin & Ashely Anderson. Aubrey sponsors are Nicole Windschitl, Jason Anderson and Molli Getting.



Recycle your old Christmas lights and cords and bring them to Trinity Church. There is a marked green bin in the entry way STEP Inc. disassembles them.



Prayers

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

Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Leland Carlson, Lisa Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Chris Mosloski, Tammy Wokasch, Rhonda Bonk, Oakley Selnes and family. *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

Bible Quiz

Who rebuked people for bringing their children to Jesus?

- A. The religious leaders
- B. Jesus himself
- C. The disciples
- D. Roman soldiers



Answer: C (See Mark 10:13.)



January
BIRTHDAYS
Special Anniversaries

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1  Landon Thoeny	2	3 Marlene Breitbarth Heather Maloney Brady Selnes
4 Emilee Mosloski	5  A Light to the Nations	6 Logan Davis Jacob Morris	7 Ciera Drevlow	8	9	10 
11 Austin Maloney Brian Nickerson Brad Nickerson Gracie Zaharia Johnnie Zaharia	12 Peyton Franzen Ardene Miller	13	14 Gerald & Ardene Miller (54 years)	15 Caitlyn Carlson	16 Jacob Krumwiede Marlene Ratike (82 years)	17
18 	19	20 Duane & Rosalie Heckman (59 years)	21 Hanna Hartman	22 Denise Janssen	23 Pete Goeringer	24
25	26 Ashley Anderson	27 Kasen Mosloski	28 	29	30	31 Art Stough

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM A GREAT SUCCESS!

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The Heavens are the Limit
(A reprint from the first edition)

I am interested in your reflections on your own Bible reading.

I am interested in seeing poetry...art...photos (photos of art, yours and God's, etc.) .whatever it is that helps you connect with God and faith. Maybe someone else can learn and grow from your perspective.

This is for reflection on and expression of your faith. Use it for that format.

Don't forget photos of what you are doing in church and in the community.

We are only limited by imagination and have NO PROBLEM turning this into more pages if we get great participation.

So give us your suggestions...anything and everything will be listened to and heard.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Superbowl Sunday Pizza Fundraiser—January/February 2015

"ONE" PAINTING

Ephesians 4:4-6 talks a lot about one. Create one painting that says it all.



What you need:

- Foam letters or letter stickers
- White painting canvas
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush or sponge
- Water

What you do:

1. Place letters on the canvas to spell out the "ones" in Ephesians 4:4-6 (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God).
2. Paint over the letters, using various colors.
3. When the paint is dry, peel off the letters to reveal words that explain important Bible truths.
4. If desired, finish by painting some number 1's in any blank spots.

One Baptism

The "one" theme of Ephesians 4:4-6 assures us that we need to be baptized only once. Yet a relationship with God involves approaching him with a humble heart each day.

Directions: Inside the 1, fill in words using the spaces as a guide. Then unscramble the circled and boxed letters to reveal John's message about baptism in Mark 1:4.

hope

Spirit

body

baptism

Lord

Father

God

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Answers: body, Spirit, hope, Lord, baptism, God, Father, repentance, forgiveness

Christian Symbol+



Sand dollar

These pretty shells in shades of white, brown or purple are from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. The shell's unique characteristics call to mind Christ's birth and death: the poinsettia- and lily-like images, holes representing the four nails and spear that pierced Jesus, small bones inside the shell resembling doves and thus symbolizing the Holy Spirit.



THE MESSENGER

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JANUARY 2015

God's Blessings to:



Jan. 18, 2015

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"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."

—Vern McLellan



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January

WORSHIP
With US

TRINITY-9:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL-10:00 AM

If you are searching for a church home or are currently a member, we want to extend a warm welcome to you. Trinity observes the "Open" communion policy— all those believing in Christ are welcome at our Lord's Table.

Communion is scheduled to take place the first two Sunday's of the month, check the calendar inside for any changes.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-8:00-11:00 am
Wednesday-8-11 & 1-4 pm
Friday-8:00-11:00 am

INTERIM KENT KRUMWIEDE OFFICE HOURS

Mon—Thurs-9:00-1:00 pm