



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Dear Trinity Family,

One of my favorite parts of being a pastor happens on Christmas Eve during the candlelight service. It is one of my favorite parts because I believe I get the best seat in the house. As I stand up front I see the light of Christ illuminate the faces of the people I have the privilege to walk with on our faith journeys together. I see the light of Christ shine on the faces of those I couples I have married, faces of my confirmation and Sunday School students, the faces of those who were recently baptized, the faces of those who serve on council, the faces of those who serve at Trinity and beyond. The faces of those who have lost loved ones, the faces of those who have shared both joys and struggles with me. The candle light part of the service is a time of hope for me. The light of Christ shines brightly as our sanctuary is illuminated and then you, beloved children of God are sent to share that light of Christ with the world.

Epiphany is a quiet, at times over looked season - but Epiphany is about sharing this light... the light of Christ is ignites this little light of mine, this little of yours, this little light of ours. As you think about New Year's resolutions consider -

- * Being aware of Christ's light shining in your life each day**
- try journaling in the evening where you saw God at work

- share with spouse or family where you saw God or experienced God

*** Being intentional about sharing the light of Christ with those you love**

- share with your spouse or family highs and lows of the day a give thanks to God for the highs and acknowledge God presence even in the lows
- it is as simple as a smile, opening a door, being present for your loved ones in need...
- saying thank you
- reminding someone you love - that they are beloved Children of God.

How are you going to let your light shine this year?

*** Being intentional about sharing the light of Christ with those in need**

- give to your favorite charity
- help out in a community organization
- take part in a mission trip

How are you going to let your light shine this year? I have a suggestion... consider participating in one of the two mission trips this summer. Help chaperone, send your youth, support our youth in the mission trip to St. Paul this summer. Or, take part in the family mission trip to Madison, WI or support a family so they can go on the trip. This is a great way for us as a congregation to let our light shine. Remember if you are interested in going on these trips to sign up soon!

Let you light shine!

Pastor Krista

TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Church
Council



COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Laurie Wille,
Vice President: Tom Dodge
Secretary: Marlene Breitbarth
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,
Stewardship: Vern Quade
Lay Ministry: Yvonne Noorlun
Worship: Barb Mager
Youth: Teresa Zaharia,
Pastor Krista

Trinity Church Council Minutes December 9, 2015

We met with Trinity Madelia. Pastor Krista was not present as she is still not feeling well. Laurie led us in prayer. It was decided to continue with joint Council meetings rotating at each church weather permitting. A discussion was held on Lenten services and it was decided to stay with every other week at Truman & Madelia. Also the two worship committees will be meeting with Pastor Krista to get her ideas and set times of the services and also for the Easter services. The next discussion was on Pastor Krista's salary and going with synod guidelines. Jane from Trinity Madelia gave a breakdown

of what the total compensation package entails. Since Trinity Truman has not reviewed their budget for 2016 it was tabled until the end of the council meetings.

Trinity Madelia did say they will pay the tuition for all Trinity Truman students that will be going to Bible Camp. We thanked them for that gift.

President Laurie Wille called the Trinity Truman meeting to order.

A motion was made by Teresa and seconded by Tom to approve the Secretary's report as printed. Motion passed.

Clayton presented the treasurers report. There is \$8393 in checking and \$55516 in Savings, with payables at \$8293. Tom had purchased a new iPod to video tape the sermons Nikki made a motion and Teresa seconded to take the money from Gifts & Memorials. Motion passed. Yvonne made a motion and Vern seconded to let Brenda purchase a new phone for the office. Motion passed.

The balance of the meeting was spent on finalizing the budget for 2016. Vern reported the pledges were \$85970 which is

up \$2110 from last year. Tom made a motion and Brad seconded to approve the 2016 budget. Motion passed.

A reminder was made that the Annual meeting will be on January 17th after the worship service.

Installation plans for Pastor Krista will be finalized after the new year. A Thank You and gift certificate will be given to Matt Strum for leading our worship service on Dec. 6th when Pastor Krista became ill.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marlene Breitbarth, Secretary



On January 4, 2016



Will be held on

JANUARY 17TH
(After worship)



WELCA NEWS

Thank you to the ladies who helped with the Thank Offering service. Thanks also to everyone who brought food donations and the Thank Offering money that was donated. \$414.00 was collected and sent to the national WELCA organization. The food items were given to Heaven's Table food shelf in Fairmont.

On December 5th our annual cookie walk was held. Thanks to Pam Rode and Jo Quade for co-chairing this year's walk. Thank you to everyone who set up, worked, donated food items or made monetary donations for the cookie walk. The profits so far from the sale this year are \$2,514.00. If you still wish to donate to the fund, please contact Marlene Breitbarth, WELCA treasurer.

Part of the money from the cookie walk will be used to pay our benevolence contributions for 2015.

These contributions were voted on at our November WELCA meeting which include:

- Adults Saving Kids – \$100.00
- Salvation Army – \$100.00
- Martin County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – \$100.00
- UHD Hospice – \$100.00
- Steven Ose Ministry – \$75.00
- Kids Against Hunger – \$75.00
- Heaven's Table Food Shelf – \$100.00
- Kings Aid – \$50.00
- Lutheran World Relief – \$50.00
- Lutheran Social Service – \$50.00
- St. Peter Treatment Center – \$50.00
- ARC Southwest – \$50.00
- Options Pregnancy Center – \$50.00
- Crest – \$50.00

Thank you to the following officers who volunteered to serve for the coming year:

Barb Shoen and Barb Mager – Co-Presidents

Secretary – Connie Selnes

Treasurer – Marlene Breitbarth

Quilting Days for January will be 9:00 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday, January 25 and 26



Congratulations to Duane & Rosalie Heckman Who will be married for 60 years On January 22nd, 2016

They were married at the Community Baptist Church in Truman in 1956



A big thank you to Agnes Carlson who donated 4 beautiful statuettes to Trinity. They depict the life of Jesus.



WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Theme	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
January 3-In the beginning	Jer 31:7-14	Ps 147:12-20	Eph 1:3-14	John 1:1-18
January 10-Jesus is Baptized	Isa 43:1-7	Ps 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 17-Wedding at Cana	Isa 62:1-5	Ps 36:5-10	1 Cor 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
January 24-Beginning of Ministry	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ps 19	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
January 31-Hymn Sing	TBD			

JANUARY LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:00 AM

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

1/3, & 1/10

COMMUNION SERVERS:

1/3-Marlene Breitbarth

1/10- Donna Kotewa

LAY READERS:

1/3-Mike Taylor

1/10-Zach Hansen

1/17-Dean Gulbranson

1/24-Laurie Wille

1/31-Marlene Breitbarth



JANUARY USHERS:

*Vern Quade, Dave Baarson, Jim Hansen & Zach Hansen

OBJECT LESSON:

1/17-Barb Shoen

JANUARY HYMNS



January 3-- *O Come All Ye Faithful*
Hark the Herald
What Child is This

January 10-- *Baptized in Water*
You are Mine
How Great Thou Art

January 17-- *All Are Welcome*
There is a Balm in Gilead
Beautiful Savior

January 24-- *The Church's One Foundation*
Lord Whose Love In Humble Service
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

January 31-- Hymn sing
(Pastor at Madelia's annual meeting)

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

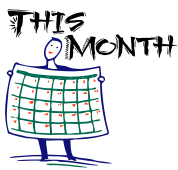
The announcements will also be found on Trinity's website, Facebook page and on the KEYC television station website.



TRINITY'S ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 17th

(Immediately after worship)



January 2016



February 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><u>Worship Schedule</u></p> <p>TRINITY Sun school 9:00 AM</p> <p>Worship 10:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Wed. 11:00-2:30 pm</p> <p>Thurs. 8:30-2:30 pm</p>	<p><u>CHURCH 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>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 <u>Communion</u></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9 am Open Bible Study/ Lois Circle at Truman Café</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>Baptism of our Lord</p> <p>Confirmation "U" classes 12:15-3:30</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church Council mtg. 7:00 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 <u>ANNUAL MEETING</u></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>New leadership Sunday</p>	<p>25</p> <p>← 9 am Quilting Days →</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM Messenger Assembly</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p>						

NEWS


From Our Parish

Thank you to Barb Shoen and her family for the beautiful “Simply Said” messages in the fellowship hall and by the doors in the Gathering Room. They are in memory of Jim and are a wonderful addition to the church.

This is a short bit from his Christmas letter, to read the complete letter look on the Kiosk at the church.



We went back to the parish in Truman, after 50 years, for the church anniversary, a Saturday “Polka Service”, Sunday worship, and a meal followed by a slide show and visiting. We were joined by Nathan and Nancy. Our children claim Truman as “home” in many ways. Of course we have not changed in 50 years! In the evening we gathered with friends in the Waverly parish nearby where we met some of the youth from the past who are now faithful leaders in the parish. Pastor Rich and his family lived in Truman from 1964—1976. Their address is: 936 21st Ave S. Moorhead MN

 We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:
Prayers **Bea Behrens, Agnes Carlson, Lisa Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Oakley Selnes, and Danny Lang...** Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway—\$43,627.01
 Hy Vee—\$117,022.97



Update your contact information form

Please update your contact information for a phone tree that is being developed.

The phone tree would be used to contact members of church service cancellation in bad weather, or another important announcement, if needed.

Fill out this form and return to the church office. Respond by calling the church office at 507-776-4781,

emailing the office at trinitytruman@frontier.com or mailing in an envelope to:

Trinity Lutheran Church
 P.O. Box 38
 Truman, MN 56088

Name: _____

phone (home) _____

(cell) _____

I would prefer a call.

I would prefer a text.

I would prefer an email.

Email address: _____

I do not want to be contacted by the phone tree.

I would like a phone call, but not to have to make a call to someone else.

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>MORE JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES</p> <p>1/3-Ron & Kaela Kelley (1)</p> <p>1/26-Doug & Vicky Schwanz (42)</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Marlene Breitbarth</p> <p>Heather Maloney</p> <p>Brady Selnes</p>	<p>Emilee Mosloski</p>		<p>Logan Davis</p>	<p>Ciera Drevlow</p>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<p>Austin Maloney</p> <p>Brad Nickerson</p> <p>Brian Nickerson</p> <p>Gracie Zaharia</p> <p>Johnnie Zaharia</p>	<p>Peyton Franzen</p> <p>Ardene Miller</p>		<p>Gerald & Ardene Miller (55 years)</p>	<p>Caitlyn Carlson</p>	<p>Jacob Krumwiede</p> <p>Marlene Ratike (83 years)</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>ANNUAL MEETING</p>			<p>Lauren Strum</p>	<p>Hanna Hartman</p>	<p>Denise Janssen</p> <p>Duane & Rosalie Heckman (60 years)</p>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		<p>Ashley Anderson</p>	<p>Katherine Strum</p> <p>Kasen Mosloski</p>			
31						
<p>Art Stough</p>						



Trinity Youth Group
are seen here decorat-
ing Christmas cookies



They also watched a movie “90 minutes in Heaven”



Confirmation Camp

Confirmation Students participating
with their church group

God - on the Loose!

*“Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded!
For a work is being done in your days!” —Habakkuk 1:5*

What to Expect

Surrounded by others with the same focus and drive, Confirmation week at GLBC can be just what is needed to drive home curriculum being presented within your home congregation. Join us at camp for a week of fun filled faith formation revolving around an interactive confirmation curriculum led by our executive director and other program staff. There will also be opportunities planned into the schedule for church staff to pull their own campers out for time together. Yes, you will still get the chance to swim, boat, explore the woods, play large group games, sing, and do crafts!

Camp Activities

- Focused Creed, Sacrament, and Baptism activities and discussion
- Gaga Ball
- 9 Square in the Air
- Carpet Ball
- Capture the Flag
- Craft Cabin
- Tie-Dye
- Disc Golf
- Bonkers
- “Let’s Go Fishing”
- Low Ropes Course
- Daily Bible Studies

July 10-15

Fee: \$420

About Green Lake Bible Camp

Located on one of the most beautiful lakes in Minnesota, Green Lake Bible Camp boasts several hundred feet of shoreline and over 40 acres of woods! Our accommodations are as diverse as the programs we offer. All housing options have nearby bathroom facilities and food is never more than a short walk away. From the traditional camp cabins on our Hill to rooms in the Chrysalis House to camping out in the woods at Homestead, there is truly something for everyone!

Registration Details

Summer Camp registration opens January 4th, 2016.

Register online at www.gllm.org or complete a registration form and mail, along with \$125 deposit to:

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, Attn: Camp Registrar
9916 Lake Ave. S., Spicer, MN 56288

Final payments are due May 27.





GUIDING LIGHT

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.



What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

What you do:

1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!

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Christian Symbol+

Shell

A scallop shell, pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is often used to symbolize baptism and the washing away of sin. The three water droplets stand for the Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

PUZZLE

LET THERE BE LIGHT

In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.

" Y O U , _____ , A R E
 _____ ; T H E
 _____ M Y

 I N T O _____ ."
 2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

Answer: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV

Bible Quiz

According to the Gospel of John, which disciples led others to Jesus, and whom did they lead?



- A. Matthew led Judas.
- B. Andrew led Simon-Peter.
- C. James led John.
- D. Philip led Nathanael.
- E. All of the above.
- F. B and D.

Answer: F (See John 1:40-42, 45ff.)



JOIN OUR MISSION TRIPS

We love because God first loved us! This summer - Trinity Youth have the opportunity to put this into action. I would like to invite your youth join other Trinity Truman and Trinity Madelia youth on a Mission Trip to Saint Paul, MN this summer. We all have gone to the Twin Cities with our families but has your young person ever gone beyond shopping, sport event, or concerts to really experience life in the Twin Cities. Our capital, St. Paul has many opportunities to serve to be the hands and feet of Christ those in need. We will be working with many well respected agencies who do amazing working with those who have been are dealing with issues of homelessness and poverty.

This trip is open to those who have completed 6th grade through those who have completed 12th. Cost of the trip is \$279 per person plus travel. A deposit of \$60 is due by January 10th.



We love because God first loved us! This summer - Trinity Families have the opportunity to put this into action. I would like to invite your family join other Trinity Truman and Trinity Madelia youth on a Mission Trip to Madison, WI June 26-29th. This trip is an opportunity for us to help instill the value of service to others with our younger children in our midst and give families a chance to serve together. This experience is developed to consider needs and abilities of families with fun, worships, breaks, and room in the schedule for those needing naps or early bedtimes. We will partner with many local service agencies in serving those is need in the Madison area.

This trip is open to those all families (shapes, ages and sizes) Cost of the trip is \$129 per person plus travel. A deposit of \$60 is due by January 10th.

Pastor Krista



THE MESSENGER

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JANUARY 2016

God's Blessings to:



**Annual
Meeting**
January 17th
after worship

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"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

—Martin Luther King Jr.



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January 2016



Worship SCHEDULE

TRINITY WORSHIP-10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:00 AM

(Sunday school classes are from Sept—May)

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
Wed.-8-11 am, & 1-4 pm
Friday-8:00-11:00 am

PASTOR KRISTA'S HOURS OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday—11:00-2:30 pm
Thursday—8:30—2:30 pm