



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



## EVERYDAY REFORMERS

**2018 Equipping Congregations Day**  
**Saturday, February 10, 2018**  
**8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Vinje Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church  
Willmar, MN

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be our keynote speaker for the day, speaking on the theme of Everyday Reformers.

Elected as the ELCA's fourth presiding bishop at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton earned a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School and a Bachelor of Music Education from the College of Wooster.

Ordained in 1981, Eaton served three different congregations in Ohio as assistant pastor, interim pastor and pastor before being elected bishop of the ELCA North-eastern Ohio Synod in 2006 and re-elected in May 2013.

### **We have something for everyone!**

Throughout the day you will have time to attend your choice of 3 different workshops, in addition to our keynote speakers, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop Jon Anderson. Listed below is the first group of workshop options we would like to highlight this

week. You will be able to choose 1 workshop from the following 7 to attend at the event. (You will not register in advance for your workshop choices.)

#### **1. Insurance Issues Facing Today's Church**

Presenters: Timothy Marks & Dan Shultz, Church Mutual Insurance Company

#### **2. Taking a Group to Houston - ELCA Youth Gathering**

Presenter: Ashley Gilbertson, SW MN ELCA Youth Gathering Synod Coordinator

#### **3. Funeral Planning-Whose Job is it Anyway?**

Presenter: Pastor Don McKee, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Montevideo

#### **4. Anti Racism Work-And Who is My Neighbor?**

Presenter: Jodi Harpstead, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

#### **5. Music that Makes Community - Singing**

Presenter: John Jahr, Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar

#### **6. Millennials and Generation Z "take on" Jesus**

Presenter: Maddie Gray, Program Director, Luther Crest Bible Camp

#### **7. The Women and Justice Social Statement: Your Voice in the Process**

Presenter: Pastor Bruce Berg

Registration fee includes all materials, refreshments and lunch. If anyone is interested in attending, let Pastor Krista know by January 15th.

## TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Dennis Rode  
Vice President: Yvonne Noorlun  
Secretary: Cathy Sorenson  
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,  
Stewardship: Vern Quade  
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille  
Worship: Barb Mager  
Youth: Teresa Davis  
Pastor Krista

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH December 13, 2017

**Present:** Barb Mager, Laurie Wille, Teresa Davis, Yvonne Noorlun, Nikki Smith, Dennis Rode, Brad Nickerson, Vern Quade, Clayton Duncanson, Cathy Sorenson

Dennis called the meeting to order. Laurie made the motion to accept the secretary's report and Clayton made the second. Motion carried. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. There is \$3298 in the checking account and \$38,716 in the savings account. Members are encouraged to meet their pledge by the end of the year. Cathy made the motion to accept the report and Yvonne made the second. Motion carried.

### BOARD REPORTS:

**Stewardship:** Vern reported the results of the Pony Express campaign. The pledges are down for 2018. See the results elsewhere in the Messen-

ger. Vern also handed out results of the Time and Talent Survey. All members are urged to do their part in the running of Trinity.

**Lay Ministry:** There will be a baptism on December 17. Laurie will work on setting up a Sunday to accept new members.

**Church properties:** Brad has talked to Greg Leiferman about installing some motion lights.

**Christian education:** The children will be a part of the service on December 17. Attendance has been steady for Sunday School and the children who come for breakfast appreciate it.

**Youth:** The youth group hosted a waffle breakfast on December 10. They used a Thrivent card and called the breakfast **Warm Breakfast--Warm Hands**. All are encouraged to bring hats or mittens for the mitten tree. Teresa also reported that they hope to take the Leaguers to Rock on Ice sometime after Christmas.

*All Committee Reports for  
the Annual Meeting are  
due to Brenda by  
January 5th*

**Worship:** On Sunday December 24 service times are 10:30 and 5:00. There will be no service on Christmas Day.

**Pastor's report:** No report

### Old business:

Yvonne made the motion and Vern made the second to allow Ashley Anderson to use the fellowship hall on December 17 and Teresa

Davis to use the fellowship hall on May 6. Motion carried.

### New business:

- Yvonne gave an update on the nominating report. Please consider doing your part if you are asked to take an office.
- All committee reports are due to Brenda by January 5. Brad made the motion for the following raises:

Brenda Hansen	\$15.50/hour
Barb Mager	\$85/service
Kim Breamer	\$30/practice

Teresa made the second and the motion passed. It was decided to set the budget at \$99,831 for 2018.

Cathy Sorenson  
secretary



# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Theme	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Jan. 7-Baptism of our	Genesis 1:1-5	29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Jan 14-2nd Epiphany	1 Sam 3:1-10[11-20]	139:1-6, 13-18	1 Cor. 6:12-20	John 1:43-41
Jan 21-3rd Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	62:5-12	1 Cor. 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Jan 28-4th Epiphany	Deut. 18:15-29	111	1 Cor. 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

## JANUARY LAY MINISTRY

### TRINITY

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:00 –10:15 AM**

#### COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

Jan 7 & 14

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

1/7-Mark Durkee  
1/14-Dave Sorenson

#### LAY READERS:

1/7-Dean Gulbranson  
1/14-Mike Taylor  
1/21-Johnnie Zaharia  
1/28-LeAnn Maloney

#### ACOLYTES:

1/7- Casidy Moon  
1/14-Peyton Franzen  
1/21-Casidy Moon  
1/28-Peyton Franzen



#### JANUARY USHERS:

\*Vern Quade, Dave Baarson, Mike Wiederhoeft and Jim Hansen

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST SIGN UP

1/7-Teresa Davis  
1/14-Lori Anderson  
1/21-Yvonne Noorlun  
1/28-Janice Buhmann

**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. Or sign up for Text Alert! on your cell**



## SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS!



Now you can receive an alert text message from the Trinity church office! You will know right away when Church or Sunday School is cancelled or any other important notification.

Let Brenda know if you want to be included. *(you just need to have the texting feature on your cell phone)*

Fill out this form and return to the church office.

Or respond by calling or texting the church office at 507-776-4781,

emailing the office at [trinitytruman@frontier.com](mailto:trinitytruman@frontier.com) or mailing in an envelope to:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_



**WELCA NEWS**

The Cookie Walk was again a great success we made \$2413.00.

A big thank you to all who contributed cookies, goodies, candy and monetary amounts.

Also to the men who helped set up those heavy tables and to everyone working in the kitchen, along with the check out gals.

Great job and well done.

The change made this year which was to furnish only 6 dozen items seemed to work out well.

Cookie Walk—Co-chairpersons

Norma Stough and LeAnn Maloney



There is a correction in the WELCA handbook—

Lois Lloyd is Co-Chair with Marlene Breitbarth on Division B. And on Division C the Co-chairs should be Janice & Mike Wiederhoeft and Marianne & Dan Lang.



**PONY EXPRESS PLEDGE DREIVE RESULTS**

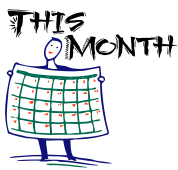
The stewardship committee would like to thank everyone for participating in the drive this year.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>TOTAL PLEDGES:</b>	\$85,970	\$90,632	\$85,180
		↑ \$4662	↓ \$5452
New Automatic bank transfers	—	2	—0—

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Pony Expr families:	91	83	83
Letter sent:	15	17	30
Returned:	?	7	3
Total (Pony + letters)	106	100	111
Families that pledged:	<u>72</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>
Families not responding or choosing not to pledge	34	30	48

**WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?**

Stewardship is not just raising funds;  
It's raising Christians.  
Stewardship is not a matter of budgets;  
It's a matter of faith.



February 2018						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Worship Schedule</u></p> <p><b>Worship</b> 10:30 AM</p> <p><b>Sun School</b> 9-9:30 -Breakfast 9:30-10:15-class</p>	<p>1 </p> <p><b>New Year's Day</b></p> <p>The church office will be closed</p>	2	3	<p>4 9 am Open Bible Study at Truman Café</p>	<p>5 </p> <p><b>Council Committee Reports Due January 5th</b></p>	<p>6 <b>Epiphany</b></p> <p>The Youth serving the Steak Fry at the American Legion in Madelia 5-7</p>
<p>7 <u>Communion</u></p>  <p><b>JESUS</b> <i>Is Baptized</i></p>	<p>8 1:30 Martha at Connie S.</p>	9	<p>10 7 pm Church Council mtg.</p>	11	12	13
<p>14 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>Conf-U Mtg. at Truman 12:15-3:30</p>	<p>15 </p> <p><b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b></p>	16	<p>17 </p> <p><b>Newsletter DEADLINE</b></p>	18	<p>19 Pat Jones</p>	<p>20 Scrapbooking</p>
<p>21 </p> <p><b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> after Worship</p>	22	23	<p>24 6 pm Choir practice resumes</p>	25	26	27
28	<p>29 Quilting 9 am</p> 	<p>30 Days</p>	<p>31 9 am Messenger Assembly</p> <p>Bingo At TSL </p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 &amp; 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> 9:00-1:00 pm <b>Friday:</b> 9:00-1:00 pm</p>	

# NEWS

From Our Parish



Our deepest sympathy to the Barb Mager family on the death of her husband, Gene who passed away on November 29, 2017 in Mankato, MN. The funeral was held at Trinity on December 5, 2017.

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Deepest Sympathy to Cathy Sorenson on the death of her brother, Ron Graff from Irene, SD. He passed away on December 3rd, 2017.



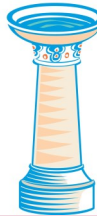
Our heartfelt thanks to our church family for their lovely cards, memorials, and kind words in the loss of my brother, Ron Graff. We cherish our church family and sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Dave & Cathy Sorenson



We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the home-bound: **Family of Barb Mager, and Danny Lang...** Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.

## HOLY BAPTISM



Congratulations to Justin and Ashley Anderson on the baptism of their daughter, Ellie Marie Anderson. She was baptized on December 17 in the afternoon at Trinity Lutheran by Pastor Krista Strum. Ellie's sponsors are Joe & Sarah Anderson. She has a big sister, Aubrey (3 years old).



### The Board of Ed is still looking for two teachers.

**VOLUNTEERS:**  
ARE NEEDED!

The teachers are only needed for two weeks out of the month. The kids that are without teachers are the preschool and the 2nd/3rd grade class. The preschoolers are so eager because it's all so new. The 2nd & 3rd graders are a good group of kids interested in the way things were and how this relates to today. We hope you will consider giving them some of your time.

I would like to say thank you to the Trinity Lutheran WELCA for thinking about me at this holiday season with the pretty poinsettia plant.

Donna Fisk



### UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

**Fareway-\$116,668.05**

**Hy-Vee-\$5,175. 05**

*Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count*

*\*\*Please don't cut off the receipts--the amounts are getting cut off and making them useless.*



STEP Inc. of Fairmont is once again collecting your old Christmas lights. Just drop off your items in the green receptacle bin at the entrance of the church.

The do NOT accept cord adaptors, battery packs, plastic rope lights, or CFL lights.

# BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



**Sun**

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| <p><b>Ron &amp; Kaela Kelly (3 years) on Jan 3rd</b></p>      | 1                                                                                 | 2                                              | <p>3<br/>Marlene Breitbarth</p> <p>Heather Maloney</p> <p>Brady Selnes</p> | <p>4<br/>Emilee Mosloski</p> <p>Kathy Wilkening</p>                                                                    | 5                                                           | <p>6<br/>Logan Davis</p>   |
| <p>7<br/>Ciera Drevlow</p>                                    | <p>8</p>                                                                          | 9                                              | 10                                                                         | <p>11<br/>Austin Maloney</p> <p>Brad Nickerson</p> <p>Brian Nickerson</p> <p>Gracie Zaharia</p> <p>Johnnie Zaharia</p> | <p>12<br/>Peyton Franzen</p> <p>Ardene Miller</p>           | <p>13<br/>Kaden Moon</p>   |
| <p>14</p> <p><b>Gerald &amp; Ardene Miller (57 years)</b></p> | <p>15<br/>Caitlyn Carlson</p>                                                     | <p>16<br/><b>Marlene Ratike (85 years)</b></p> | 17                                                                         | 18                                                                                                                     | 19                                                          | <p>20<br/>Lauren Strum</p> |
| <p>21<br/>Hanna Hartman</p>                                   | <p>22<br/>Denise Janssen</p> <p><b>Duane &amp; Rosalie Heckman (62 years)</b></p> | 23                                             | <p>24</p>                                                                  | 25                                                                                                                     | <p>26</p> <p><b>Doug &amp; Vicky Schwanz (44 years)</b></p> | <p>27<br/>Katie Strum</p>  |
| <p>28<br/>Cordae Moon</p>                                     | 29                                                                                | 30                                             | <p>31<br/><b>Art Stough (80 years)</b></p>                                 |                                                                                                                        |                                                             |                            |



## WARM BREAKFAST—WARM HANDS

Thank you to all who helped out the waffle breakfast and those who came and supported the Youth. This was a fundraiser for the youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering Trip this Summer to Houston TX.



### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT

Steak Fry at The American Legion in Madelia on January 6th from 5-7 pm

The youth going to Houston will be serving. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the cost of the trip.



### **The Sunday School is looking for donations for the following items:**

Heart shaped cookies (we are looking for 10 doz.) 3 red frosting, 3 white frosting, cookie decorating items, such as different kinds of sprinkles, tub frosting, mini m&m's. If you are able to help please let one of the board members know or have the items to the church by Feb. 15th.

**Also...**If you are able to donate fleece to make blankets or scissors, please have these items to the church or contact a Board of Ed member by Feb. 22nd.





## NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!

**What you need:**

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!

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## A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

*Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*

T H I E R O E F Q O R X E I D F A M N Y A O N  
S E I L S I T N C V H R K I S D T T B H E W N E  
Q W C D R E Y A T M I O C N H F A S W C O R  
M E G T H W E O F L D X H A S S G Z O N L  
E T J H E W N E Q W I D S H R E R O E

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! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

## Christian Symbol

**XPICTOC**

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ

This set of letters spells "Christ" in Greek. It may be written using the Roman alphabet (from which the English alphabet descended), but is also often presented in Greek characters, as shown here.

### BIBLE QUIZ

At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?



- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."

Answer: A (See John 8:11.)



# THE MESSENGER

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message if church has been  
cancelled, or any other event  
change. Call or email the  
church office to be included!

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*“Kindness is like snow — it beautifies everything it covers.”*

—Kahlil Gibran

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**WORSHIP**  
*With*  
**US**

**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 OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday—9:00-1:00 pm**  
**Friday—9:00—1:00 pm**

~Please call Pastor on her cell if you need to contact her any other time of the week. If she doesn’t answer, leave a message and she will call you right back~