

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear Trinity Church Family and Friends,

The new year is upon us, and so is that “wonderful” tradition of making New Year’s resolutions—you know those promises about improving or changing our lives that we make in the morning on January 1, and break by evening of January 2. Those resolutions usually involve changes in habits that will improve physical health and well-being such as eating fewer cookies and pizza, and eating more lettuce; walking around the block instead of sitting in the lazy boy, and drinking more water instead of pop. Some people even challenge themselves to improve their minds by watching less TV and reading more good books. Once in a while resolutions are more altruistic-finding ways to be kinder to and helpful

toward others. Perhaps the best resolution was made by a friend of mine who resolved not to make any resolutions and thereby avoid the guilt that always comes with failure to keep the resolutions.

In all of our resolutions however, few people I have encountered actually make resolutions regarding their spiritual lives, and that seems to be the most important area of our lives to be deepened and strengthened. With that in mind, let me offer a couple of suggestions:

Feel the need to go for a walk: “walk in the light as God is in the light, if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from every sin.” (I John 1:7)

Need a change in diet: ‘For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry”’... (John 6:33,35)

Want to shut off the TV and read a good book: “Everything written in Scripture was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement the Scriptures give us”. (Romans 15:4)

Need some “attitude adjustments”: “Be joyful always., pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants of you, in your life in Christ Jesus”,(I Thessalonians 5: 16)

Or how about this: BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL, BLESS HIS HOLY NAME, EVERY DAY, IN EVERY WAY, BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL!!!

When my brother and I were small children, my mom taught us this simple little poem, and even when she wrote to us as adults, living away from home she often included it in our letters.

It would make a fine New Year’s Resolution:

Read your Bible
Humbly Pray
Trust in Jesus every day.

In Christ’s Service,
Penny Jane



COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Heather Tonkin
Vice President: Yvonne Noorlun
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille
Worship: Jan Ringeisen
Youth: Teresa Zaharia



Trinity Lutheran
Wed. December 9, 2020
Council Meeting -7:30 pm

Members present: Rhonda Bonk, Kathy Wilkening, Yvonne Noorlun, Clayton Duncanson, Dallas Wegner, Teresa Zaharia, Laurie Wille, Nikki Smith

Treasurer: A Small Business Grant from the County was granted to Trinity for \$7945. \$1100 was received for the Roof Fund.

Secretary: The secretary report was read and accepted.

Stewardship: Completed Stewardship Report. 101 letters were sent out with 57 replying. Thank You to the Stewardship Board.

Lay Ministry: Cards are being sent.

Properties: None

Education: Looking for a Pastor to work with the confirmands.

Youth: None

Worship: Yvonne is asking for a select number of church members to call other members. Looking into safe ways to have an Annual Meeting.

Old Business: Pastor Penny will Bless the communion wine during service prior to the Communion service on Christmas Eve. Members will then receive the communion wafer and wine at their door or pick up at the church.

New Business: The Time and Talent Survey for 2021 has been completed. Thank you for all who responded with their talents.

Nominating Committee for next year's officers.

Budget proposal of \$69,300 for 2021.

The bylaws for the annual meeting needed an amendment.

Laurie motioned to amend the bylaws and Nikki second.

Update for Trinity Lutheran Constitution and Bylaws

Congregational Meeting:

C. 10.01. A In rare cases of extenuating circumstances (such as a pandemic, natural

disaster, etc.) these two exceptions will be followed.

1. No quorum will be enforced
2. Ballots will likely be mailed or delivered so they will need to be returned by a specific time.

Adjournment at 9:30 by Teresa and Rhonda second.

Submitted by Secretary

Kathy Wilkening

Watch for up-dates on Trinity's Annual Meeting– You will be contacted via phone call, text or e-mail, and also posted on social media



NO REPORT SUBMITTED FOR DECEMBER

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Jan 3—Epiphany Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan 10-Baptism of Jesus	Genesis 1:1-5	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Jan 17-2nd Epiphany	1 Sam 3:1-10[11-20]	1 Cor 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Jan 24-3rd Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5,10	1 Cor 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Jan 31-4th Epiphany	Deut 18:15-20	1 Cor 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

EPIPHANY REFLECTIONS

The meaning of Epiphany

Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. It gets its name from the Greek word epiphaneia, meaning "to appear, to show or to manifest." The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the coming of the Magi to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by non-Jews. The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus - a truth that justifies his perfection as the model of real life.

The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity, which are all characteristics of the Epiphany emphasis.

Epiphany of the Lord

In the early church, January 6 was a day for baptism. The central significance of Epiphany is that Christ came as the Light of the World, not just for the Jews but for Gentiles as well. Christ's light is for all.

In France, to celebrate Epiphany, children from Christian homes often put oats in their shoes on the evening before January 6. The oats are for the camels of the "Wise Men." When they awake the next morning, the children hope to find the oats gone and gifts left in their shoes.





WELCA News

Please remember to keep your 2020 pink handbooks. We will use them for 2021 since almost everything was canceled during the pandemic.



Also, to those of you who have prayer kids, remember to send them cards and to pray for them.

The Bakeless Sale which was held instead of the cookie walk was quite successful. About 45 individuals contributed a total of \$1,455. The checks were sent and thankyou's were received.

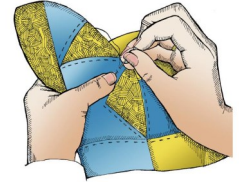
Our donations were:

Hospice	\$200
Salvation Army	\$150
Kids Against Hunger	\$150
Heaven's Table	\$150
CREST	\$150
Beyond the Yellow Ribbon	\$100
Caring Bridge	\$100
Steven Ose Ministry	\$ 75
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 50
ARC Southwest	\$ 50
St. Peter Treatment Center	\$ 50
<u>Options Pregnancy Center</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>

TOTAL \$1325

We also made a donation to Dan & Allison Klassen.

A BIG Thank you to Kathy Wilkening for her deliveries of some of our stewardship



donations. She brought 13 quilts and 30 school kits to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in the cities. She brought 12 quilts to the police department in Fairmont and 10 to CADA in Fairmont. Our circle made 15 baby quilts and Kathy had made two more which she delivered to Pregnancy Options. Kim Hastad was presented with 10 quilts for Social Services.

Hopefully 2021 will be a more normal year so we will be able to do the meetings and projects we usually do.



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$42,364.44

Hy-Vee-\$29,101.15

Keep those receipts coming!!

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




Remember to...

**Give
Online**




January 2021

February 2021						
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
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>FB On-line streaming at 10:30</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00</p> <p>Wed-8-11 & 1-4</p> <p>Fri-7:00-11:00</p>				1	2
3 Epiphany Sunday	<p>4 Reports are due for annual report booklet</p> <p>**If you have a new email or address change let the office know ASAP</p>	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9
10		12	13	14	15	16
			<p>Church Council mtg 7:30 pm</p>			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			<p>Newsletter</p> <p>DEADLINE!</p>			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>New officers will be installed</p>						
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NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



**Trinity member,
Dan Klassen has a
Caring Bridge site.**

Go to:

[www.caringbridge.org/
visit/danklassen](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/danklassen)

On October 4th Dan was diagnosed with Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma. It is a rare type of cancer that only 1,200 in 500,000 cancer patients get in a year in the US. This non-typical type of cancer travels along the nerves in the body.



Please pray for Dan and his family.

If you would like to help, donations can be done through Profinium Bank in Truman-call 507-776-2311 and request to donate to Dan Klassen benefit account.

Also a Go Fund me site has been started at:

OFFERING ENVELOPES



Your offering envelopes for next year are in your mailboxes at the church. If you would like them mailed to you, or if you would like more or less or did not receive any, please contact the church office.

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR PENNY

Dear Family and Friends of Trinity Lutheran,

I would like to thank the congregation for the gift given to me this Christmas, and for the many cards sent to me. I especially appreciated the "Christmas letters" that told me something about your families, since I do not yet know many of you. I am so grateful for your gracious and kind support of my ministry with you. Again thank you.

I wish each of you a most blessed new year, a year in which the Spirit of Christmas remains alive and well in your hearts and lives.

I also want to thank Tanner, Josh and Brenda for the extra work they did to make the Christmas season worship services special. Thank you.

In Christ's Service~Penny Jane Ritter



Prayers

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

Ardene Miller, Dan Klassen, Lowell Noorlun, Logan Anderson and Jim Hansen. *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

JANUARY

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**



Sun

Mon







Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

 Ron & Kaela Kelley (6 yrs. on Jan. 3rd)					1 	2
3 Marlene Breitbarth Heather Maloney Brady Selnes	4 Emilee Mosloski Kathy Wilkening	5	6	7 Ciera Geistfeld	8	9
10	11 Austin Maloney Brad Nickerson Brian Nickerson Gracie Zaharia Johnnie Zaharia	12 Peyton Franzen Ardene Miller (79 years)	13 Kaden Moon	14  Gerald & Ardene Miller (60 years)	15 Caitlyn Carlson	16 Marlene Ratike (88 years) 
17	18	19	20	21	22 Denise Janssen Duane & Rosalie Heckman (65 years)	23  Happy 65th Anniversary! Duane & Rosalie
24	25 Peyton Bruderie	26  Doug & Vicky Schwanz (47 years)	27	28 Cordae Moon	29	30
31 Art Stough (84 years)						

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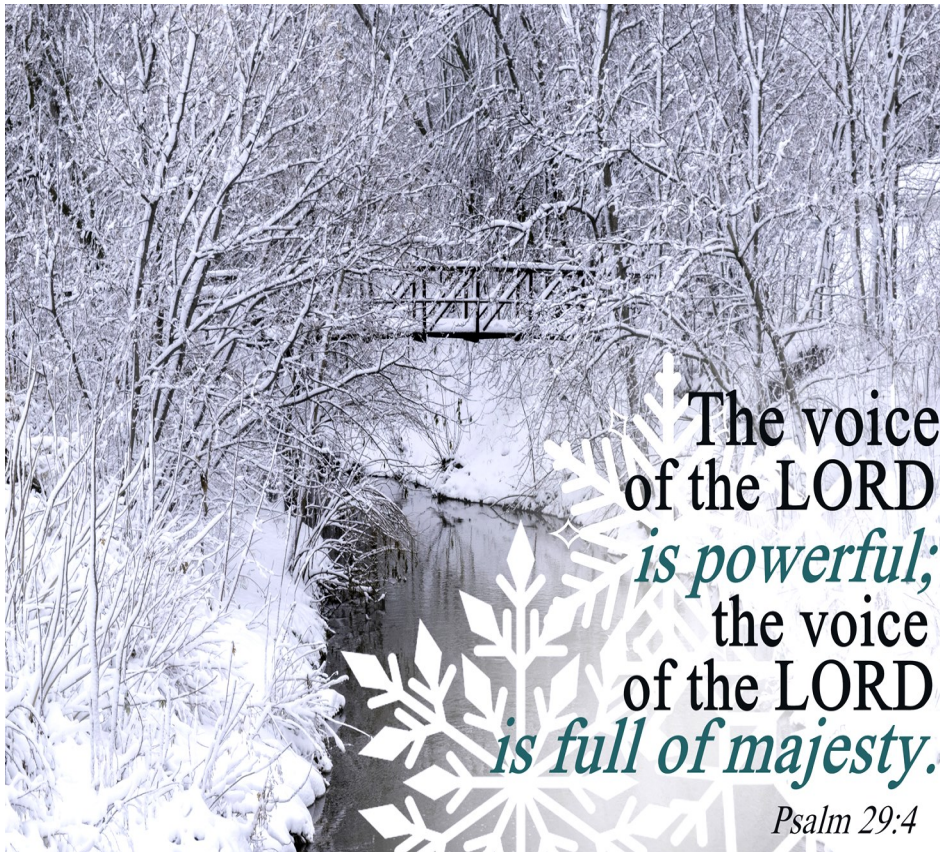


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