

THE MESSENGER

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



Dear Trinity Members,

“If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb but if it comes in like a lamb, it will go out like a lion”.

So goes an old proverb about the month of March. It is, of course, probably a totally inaccurate prediction about weather patterns in the month of March.

However I have always found the combination of the lion and the lamb interesting, in a spiritual sense, especially since at least a part of Lent invariable occurs in March! The lion and the lamb are two very significant symbols of and titles for Christ and the imagery of both play an important part in the meaning of Lent and Easter.

Jesus is referred to as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:9-10)(Revelation 5:5). Interestingly this means He is mentioned in the first book, and in the last book of Scripture which also causes us to remember that in Revelation He is called the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End! The tribe of Judah was identified as having the qualities of a lion, and that from that tribe would come the great leader; Christians understand that prophecy to be about Jesus. King David was of the tribe of Judah and the Messiah would come from David's kingly line. In “animal tradition” the lion is also identified as the king of the jungle, and Jesus is called King, C.S Lewis warned us that “he is not a tame lion” and when England's King George II continued to talk during a worship service, the clergyman in charge of the service looked King George directly in the eye and said, “When the lion roars, all the animals of the jungle fall silent

and when the Lord speaks, the kings of the earth shut their mouths!” Let us worship the Lion of Judah in silent awe and wonder!

Jesus is also referred to as the Lamb of God, (John 1:29).(Isaiah 53:7)(I Peter 1:19). In old Jewish ritual a lamb was offered as a sacrifice for the sins of the people. Jesus would be the perfect sinless Lamb of God offered, once for all, for the sins of the people. In the Revelation the Lamb of God is pictured as victorious and exalted, the position achieved only because of what He had done. Let us sing, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain!”

These two images may at first seem in contradiction to each other but as the author Henry Garipey, in his book “100 Portraits of Christ” explains,

“We see that both portraits are essential to Christ and to His ministry. The figure of the Lamb represents His suffering and sacrifice for us. We also need the figure of the Lion that represents His conquest in His suffering and His offering. The sacrifice without the conquest would have been just another in the long succession of martyrdoms in the history of man”

In one of God's strange turn-about, the Suffering Lamb has become the Victorious Lion! The great thing is that if Jesus comes into our lives first as a lion and then as a lamb, or as a lamb and then as a lion, it doesn't matter, as long as we know He is there!

As a matter of information, the mediations during the Lenten services will be a mini-series on some of the other names and titles for Jesus. We sincerely hope you will be able to join us!

All Praise to Christ, our Lamb and our Lion!

Pastor Penny Jane

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: Ron Kelley
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Treasurer: N/A
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk
Lay Ministry: Eloise Miller
Worship: Jan Ringeisen
Youth: Teresa Zaharia



**Trinity Lutheran
 Council Meeting
 February 10, 2021**

Members present: Clayton Duncanson, Rhonda Bonk, Kathy Wilkening, Yvonne Noorlun, Eloise Miller, Teresa Zaharia, Dallas Wegner.

Secretary's Report: was accepted as read.

Treasures Report: Clayton Duncanson - Checking account has \$8,000 and savings \$50,000. \$20,000 has been paid to the bank for the roof loan leaving a balance of \$6,600.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship-Rhonda Bonk - nothing new

Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Eloise Miller - The cards for birthday and anniversaries will continue to be sent. In 2021 they will be sending out Easter, Thanksgiving, as well as Christmas Cards to all members of Trinity.

Church Properties- Dallas Wegner - nothing new

Christian Education- Nikki Smith - nothing new

Youth- Teresa Zaharia- nothing new

Worship- Jan Ringeisen- The Ash Wednesday service will be held at 6:30 pm

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Teresa made a motion with all the additional duties Pastor Penny has been doing, the council decided to increase her wages \$400 in addition to pulpit supply wages. Clayton second.

Karen Koeder from Trimont will be teaching confirmation classes for 2 new students. They will meet twice a month from 4:30 to 6:30. Teresa motioned to give Karen a gift card from Caseys for gas money and her time. Eloise second.

The church is still looking for a new treasure. Clayton is stepping down and until someone else can take the job Brenda will be doing

some of the duties. Teresa will be looking into more help for Brenda.

Frontier has installed more new cables so the Sunday streaming services can be live steamed without buffering, in the future, we will still need a faster fiber optic service provider.

Lenten Services will be at 7:00 with council meeting on March 10th right after church service.

Jan motioned to adjourn at 8:30 and Eloise second.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of February 10, 2021

Checking Account	\$8,000
Savings Account	\$50,000
(\$20,000 from savings has been paid to the bank for the roof loan)	
Bank Loan	\$6,600

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
March 7-3rd Sun in Lent	Exodus 20:1-17	1 Cor 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
March 14-4th Sun in Lent	Numbers 21:4-9	Eph 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
March 21-5th Sun in Lent	Jer 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
March 28-Palm Sunday	Isa 50:4-9a	Phil 2:5-11	Mark 14:1—15:47

REFLECTIONS

A grand entrance

Decades ago, as English actress Gertrude Lawrence waited behind the curtain for a play to begin, the queen upstaged her by arriving at the royal box to much applause. “What an entrance,” Lawrence remarked, to which her friend, playwright Noel Coward, replied, “What a part!”

Jesus certainly made a grand entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, entering to adoring shouts of “Hosanna!” But worldly glory and fame weren’t his intent. Instead, our Lord knew that his Father had prepared a sacrificial role for him. Jesus handled the adulation with dignity and poise. The humble yet courageous Son of God knew that danger, despair and death awaited — but that he must endure it all to fulfill prophecy for humanity’s sake.

The pageantry of Palm Sunday is a stark contrast to the role of Suffering Servant that Jesus faced a few short days later. Yet each event during Holy Week represents victory — for Jesus as well as for his beloved children.

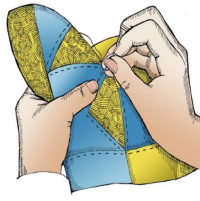
Palm Sunday is a glorious day, so let us wave palms and shout, “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” The Savior has come. What an entrance! What a part!





WELCA News

**We are going to work on quilts
Monday and Tuesday,
March 15th and 16th!**



We will wear masks and socially distance. I only want you to come if you feel safe doing so and only if you really want to be there.

Since it is hard to socially distance in the kitchen when we have coffee or lunch, we will have two or three tables in the dining room. Instead of the feast we usually have with our morning coffee, I am asking someone to volunteer to bring a treat to go with the coffee. (I am Barb Shoen at 236-8311)!

I may already have a volunteer for the first day. On Monday we will order pizza at noon and sit socially distanced. Call me if you have any questions at all. I did have three people call me after I asked if there was any interest in doing this. I thank those of you who responded.

The living Meadows auxiliary might have a meeting in March but it will be at Faith in Madelia, not at the home where we have

always had our meetings. Connie and I attended these meetings. Last March, of course, was our last meeting.

Stay safe and stay well!



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$52,955.45

Hy-Vee-\$35,862.70

Keep those receipts coming!!













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



MARCH

April 2022						
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FB On-line streaming at 10:30 on Sunday's	1 <u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-7:00-11:00	2	3 7 PM Lenten Online Worship	4	5  World Day of Prayer	6
	7  THIRD SUNDAY <i>in</i> LENT	8	9	10 Conf. class 4:30-6:00 7 PM Lenten Online Worship Council meets after worship	11	12
14  FOURTH SUNDAY <i>in</i> LENT	15 Newsletter 	16	17  7 PM Lenten Online Worship	18	19	
21  FIFTH SUNDAY <i>in</i> LENT	22	23	24 Confirmation 4:30-6:00 7 PM Lenten Online Worship	25	26	27
28  Palm SUNDAY	29	30 	31	Maundy Thursday 	 Good Friday Online worship at 7:00 pm	 April 4th EASTER SUNDAY

Trinity member, Dan Klassen's Caring Bridge site

Journal Entry by Allison &
Dan Klassen — January 31,

I have not updated in a while, happy to say that I only had to take two weeks to heal and have been back to work for two weeks and feel good. I will be going back to get monitored April 6 where I will have an MRI and a CT scan. Please pray that I will get a report of no evidence of disease, the doctors will never say it is in remission because it can come back 1-20 years later. So no evidence of disease would be the best possible outcome at each scan every 3 months. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for me, it's working, God is with me and helping.



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:

UPDATE TO ALL



Sunday services, open to all for the recorded service, are going well. It's not quite the same, but good attendance and it is fun to wave and say Hi to all our friends.

Lenten services are on Wednesday at 7pm. Call the church office to make a reservation.

We are working on Easter Sunday and will have more information to follow.

Brenda has been working tirelessly to "Live Stream" our services. There have been endless problems with WIFI service etc. We are changing our service to BEVCOMM, but this takes a little time. Our goal is to have new service up and running by Easter Sunday.

If you have trouble getting the live stream, you can always get the recorded service on our web-site.

Thank you all for your patience!



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

**Ardene Miller, Larry Miller, Dan Klassen,
Lowell Noorlun, Ross & Jan Ringeisen's grandson, Crue.**
Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.

Remember to...

Give Online



MARCH



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
YOUR GIVING MATTERS!		Carter Werner		Dan & Nikki Smith (15 years) 	Kim Hastad Luke Kester	
7 Britni Drevlow Dawn Fedder	8	9 Tallin Cook	10 Tom Dodge	11 Sandy Meyer	12 Tom Kneeland	13 Mike & Paula Heckman (1 year)
14 <small>SPRING FORWARD</small> Justin Kelley Muriel Druck (91 years)	15	16 Jordan Penkaty	17 Ashlyn Cook Chris Hyndman	18	19	20 <i>Spring</i> Colby Brudelie Jerry Teig (85 years)
21 Julie Brudelie Chloe Hartman Jerome & Laurie Wille (40 years)	22 Carson Hastad Karen Nickerson	23 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	24	25 Don & Kathy Wilkening (54 years)	26 Darrell Buhmann (84 years) MiKayla Carlson	27
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Dan & Denise Janssen (22 years)	29 Donna Kotewa	30 Darin Carlson Don & Sandy Meyer (36 years)	31			

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