



# THE MESSENGER

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(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)



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



*My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise! You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.*

*Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age  
this blessing shall proclaim—  
great wonders you have done  
for me, and holy is your name. (vs. 1)*

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #251

“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” isn’t a hymn that I would, at first hearing, think of as one prepares for the coming of a tiny vulnerable baby. A baby born exposed to the elements on a cold winter nigh. A lullaby tune seems more fitting. But this tune is not a lullaby. This hymn, whose composition is that of an English folk tune, booms of the lower keys and quite resembles a march. It is bold and forthright. Even more compelling is that this tune is attached to a text that is based on the Magnificent (Luke 1:46-55/ see also “Holden Evening Prayer”) which is Mary’s song of response to the news that Gabriel has just delivered to her about her bearing the Son of God- the one to be called Jesus! It is not necessarily a “sweet” tune.

Maybe this is the best way of remembering, preparing and keeping a look out for this one who is to come—for in our lifestyle of today there is a lot of competition, lots of other voices, lots of distractions, lots of activities that get our head whirling and we often have to make hard choices of which “things” to participate in. Our daily “multi-tasking” seems to double and we continue to be inundated with “buying power”, and we

listen (if we choose) to commentaries on everything from politics to reels on food preparation. We have multitudes of “things” that vie for our attention. Maybe a good old English folk tune is just what we need to tune into the incredible message of the season- ***Jesus is coming***- and our call or business is to proclaim this good news!

In fact, we continue the story, because **Jesus has come**, breaking through all the distractions of our daily life. Jesus has come and our souls can proclaim his greatness- he is greater than anything. JESUS is with us- daily in our faith walk. JESUS comes to us through the water and word once and for all. JESUS comes to us in the wine and the bread- sustaining us through all that comes our way! JESUS comes to us in promise- the Words spoken; sung, prayed, accompanying us *in community* guided by the Holy Spirit, in forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. “**My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord.**” Indeed let it be so!

***May God bless and guide us as we move forward with boldness and forthrightness; focusing on the Gospel, come to us in the manger- being open to the leading of the Holy Spirit- recognizing the gift that we have been graced with! Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer. Blessings to you, Trinity Lutheran Church and friends!. Celebrate and listen this Advent- for he is coming! Celebrate and receive this Christmas- He is coming!***

*Pastor Carol*

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Josh Tonkin  
Vice President: Dan Klassen  
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening  
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee  
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee  
Lay Ministry: Judy Doble  
Worship: Cathy Sorenson  
Youth: Caitlyn Carlson



## Trinity Lutheran Church Church Council Minutes November 13, 2024

Call to order- Dan Klassen

**Members Present:** Kathy Wilkening, Dan Klassen, Cathy Sorenson, Nikki Smith, Ashley Parish, Mark Durkee and Margaret Durkee

Secretary report-Kathy Wilkening  
The report was accepted as read.

Treasures Report-Nikki Smith -  
Income to date is significantly lower. The CD for \$25,000 was purchased at Profinium Bank for 3 months. Motioned accepted as presented.

Stewardship- Margaret Durkee  
Pony Express packets are circulating for the pledge drive. Mailings were sent out and 5 have been returned as well as 2 packets. The deadline is November 23.

LayMinistry/Evangelism None

Church Properties-Mark Durkee  
Wayne Wiederhoeft said he would remove the snow from sidewalks and Brian Nickerson will remove snow from the parking lot.

Christian Ed/GIFT Ashley Parish  
Halloween Party was a success. There were about 80 kids and 30 adults who stopped for snacks, games, poster contest, and hot cocoa station. Thank you to Nikki, Cathy, and Kathy for helping. The youth made cards for Laurie Willie's aunt who turns 100 and veteran cards that were handed out during the veteran's program at school. December 18 will be the Christmas program with a meal to follow. They will also be doing Christmas caroling at the nursing home. Now we have 68 registered kids.

Youth- Ashley Parish None

Worship- Cathy Sorenson  
Lenten service will be Holden Service with communion including some special music. Wednesday November 27 will be Thanksgiving service with pie after. Tuesday December 24 Christmas Eve service at 6 pm. No Christmas Day service. December 29 Pastor Rebecca Sullivan will do a Sing-a-Long service.

## PASTORS REPORT

Pastor Carol has many visits with shut-ins. Adult education on "Ten Key Passages from the Bible". We meet on the first and third Sunday at 9 before church. Pastor Carol continues with Cardiac rehab 3x a week in Blue Earth. Pastor has no

problem getting her 16 hours a week and is feeling well.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Cathy motioned to approve the facility use agreement for Linda Meyer to use the kitchen and fellowship hall for Thanksgiving day. Mark second.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Motion passed to give the money collected for past Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Lent services to buy 10 bibles, 3 pairs of goats, goat and chicks. Also a \$300 check will go to MRCI.

Dan looked into getting a new microphone and the council decided to stay with what we have.

Nikki motioned to adjourn at 8:25 and Margaret second.

Submitted by Secretary  
Kathy Wilkening



## Treasurer's Summary Report As of October 31, 2024

Checking Account Bal.	\$42,905
Savings Account Bal.	\$56,252

## OCTOBER:

General Fund Income	\$ 9,066
General Fund Expenses	\$ 6,785
Net long	\$ 2,281

## NOVEMBER:

Cash Available	\$ 42,905
Bills to pay	\$ 7,000
Cash long	\$35,905

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER/YOUTH DIRECTOR

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
December 1-1st Advent	Jer 33:14-16	1 Thess 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
December 8-2nd Advent	Mal 3:1-4 or Bar 5:1-9	Phil 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
December 15-3rd Advent	Zeph 3:14-20	Phil 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
December 22-4th Advent	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46-55 or Ps 80:1-7	Luke 1:39-45[46-55]
Dec 24-Christmas Eve	Isa 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14[15-20]
December 29-Hymn sing	1 Sam 2:18-20, 26	Col 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52



## Youth Director Newsletter for December 2024

Happy Holidays to everyone! This is my favorite time of the year as we get to spend time with family and friends. It is also a great time for reflection and thinking about all of the blessings we have now and throughout the year!

We have GIFT on December 4th and December 18th. We will be caroling on December 18th at Truman Senior Living at 3:30pm. Our GIFT Christmas Program is December 18th at 5:30pm followed by a supper. All are welcome to attend! Thank you for your support!

### Events:

December 4th GIFT 2:15pm-5:30pm

December 18th GIFT 2:15pm-5:30pm,  
Christmas Program at 5:30pm with  
Supper to follow.



\*No GIFT January 1st as there is no school.

Ashley Parish Youth Director



## WELCA News

Do you have your cookies and treats ready for the Cookie Walk which is Saturday, December 7? If not please give a monetary gift. We would like everyone to contribute to this project.

The proceeds from this event are given to various organizations, mostly those in this area. As our WELCA meeting in November, we looked over our benevolence budget and made a few changes. We added the swimming pool and Bravo Zulu House to our budget.

We decided to make lap robes for the nursing home residents as part of our quilting project. The home will also take donations of our regular 60 X 80 inch quilts.

We haven't had a vice president for several years but Joyce Ysker volunteered to take that position. We also had several people volunteer to take care of the pie and ice cream to be served after the Thanksgiving Eve service and to deliver Christmas gifts to shut ins. I really appreciate the willing volunteers.

Thanks also to all who gave a Thankoffering and contributed to the school food shelf on Thankoffering Sunday. The left over items from our school kits program were also added to the collection for the school pantry.

May you all have a blessed Christmas season.

*Barb Shoen*

### December Worship during the season of Advent Celebrating Holy Communion more frequently during the season of Advent and Christmas.

I want to share a word about worship as we enter this Advent season at Trinity Lutheran. The nature of

**Advent  
(4 Sundays in  
Dec) is a  
wonderful time  
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Holy  
Communion**

this season is that of preparation and anticipation. It is also a time of reflection and penitence. It is in light of this focus, that Advent (four Sundays in Dec) is a wonderful time to celebrate Holy Communion more frequently. Therefore, the four Sundays of Advent—the meal of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life

will be observed. This sacrament, this incredible gift, is one that can be celebrated repeatable throughout the year, the month and the week. I feel as pastor that it is also a time of year/season when people are traveling, celebrating holidays on different days, and just plan busy with work or other community activities, so regardless of when one worships during the season of Advent/the month of December, the gift of Holy Communion will be served and all may participate. Thanks be to God for this gift of grace through which we are reminded and reassured of God's presence and steadfast love in and through Jesus Christ!

With the angels we sing: "Hallelujah!"

### UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



**Fareway-\$91,921.40**

**Hy-Vee-\$66,772.40**

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

*\*\*Please make sure the receipts are not getting cut off -- this makes them useless.*



January 2025						
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Sat

1 <u>Communion</u> <b>First Advent</b> <b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> <b>Service at 10 am on Sunday's</b> <b>Streaming live on FB</b>	2 <u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon- 8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri- 8- 11 Office closed today	3 Open Bible Study at 9:30 am  Brenda work	4 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30  from home	5 <u>December Acolytes</u> 12/1-Carter & Liam W. 12/8-Landon & Zach S. 12/15-Mariel & Callie P 12/22-Taelynn & Gage M 12/24-Alaina & Sophia C	6	7 <b>WELCA's Annual Cookie Walk 8-10 AM</b>  <b>Cookie Walk</b>
8 <u>Communion</u> <b>2nd Advent</b>	9 <u>Pastor Carol Office Hours</u> Mon-at home Wed-10-12 & by phone for pastoral care	10	11 Conf. Class 4-5:30  7 pm Church Council mtg.	12 	13	14
15 <u>Communion</u> <b>3rd Advent</b>  9 am Adult Bible Study	16 Newsletter <b>DEADLINE!</b>	17	18 GIFT 215-5:30  <b>5:30 GIFT Christmas Program meal afterwards</b>	19	20	21 
22 <u>Communion</u> <b>4th Advent</b>	23	24  <b>CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN!</b>	25 NO SERVICE	26	27	28
29  <b>LESSONS AND Carols</b> Pr. Rebecca Sullivan	30	31	<u>Ushers for December</u>  Doug Schwanz & Gary Meyer	<u>Dec. Comm Servers</u> 12/1-Cathy S 12/8-Dave S. 12/15-Sandy M 12/22-Yvonne 12/24-Dan K & Margaret D	<u>Lay Readers</u> 12/1-Jan R 12/8-Donna K 12/15-LeAnn M 12/22-Brenda 12/24-Dan K 12/29-Allison	

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

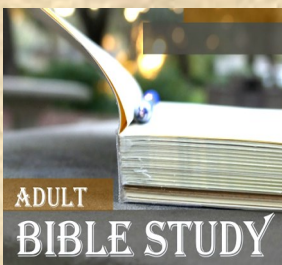


Our Heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Karen (Dan) Strausser family at the death of her sister, Bea Lunz from Windom, MN. She passed away on Tuesday November 12, 2024. Bea was also an aunt to Sadie (Chris) Mosloski.



**Christmas Eve**  
**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
December 24th at 6 PM

**GIFT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM to be held on December 18 at 5:30 pm followed by a supper. All are invited to attend!**



**ADULT EDUCATION**  
"Ten Key Passages from the Bible"

(from: Bible Basics for Adults, Augsburg Fortress)

**Sunday's 9:00 a.m. to 9:45/9:50**

December 1st: For God So Loved...  
(John 3:16; Revelation 1:8)

December 15th: Rejoicing in God's Favor  
(Psalm 30:4-5)

Hope to see you there!  
Pastor Carol Mapa



Trinity Lutheran-Truman Youth Group members delivered 3 Thanksgiving Meals to families in the Truman area.

Front row (L-R) Collyn Vogel, Annabelle Hegge, Alaina Klassen, Callie Parish, and Carleigh Hoi-seth. Back row (L-R) Syllas Detloff, Mariel Parish and Dominic Klassen.



They also attended the movie "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at the Fairmont Theater afterwards.



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

**Jerry Teig, Norm & Marilyn Anderson, Linnea Huss, Lois Lloyd's daughter-Amy, Dan Strausser and the family of Karen Strausser at the death of her sister Bea.**

*Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

# DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/1-Kent & Chris Hyndman (51)  
 12/1-Ryan & Julie Brudellie (23)  
 12/2-Wayne & Becky Maloney (52)  
 12/2-Larry & Amy Mohwinkel (35)



Remember your offerings



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 Jonah Carlson Jordan Carlson	2 Keegan Hastad	3 <b>Arlene Wegner</b> (82 years)	4 	5	6	7 Marilyn Anderson 
8 <b>Geri Peterson</b> (89 years) 	9	10 Cheryl Culbertson Kaela Kelley	11	12	13	<b>Doris Fedder</b> (87 years)
15	16 Lori Anderson	17 Ella Fadness	18 	19	20	21 Sophia Carlson Becky Maloney
22	23	24  Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm	25 	26	27 <b>Norm Anderson</b> (85 years)	28
29	30 Laurie Wille	31 Mike Wiederhoeft				





# **Cookie Walk**

at

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Truman, Minnesota**

**Saturday, Dec. 7  
8:00-10:00 AM**

**Let Trinity help you with your Christmas baking--  
lots of cookies, caramels, kringle, etc.**

**You pick what you want and pay by the pound.  
Containers are provided.**

**You can also enjoy goodies along with  
coffee and cider for a free will donation.**

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## THE MESSENGER


DECEMBER 2024

It is  
Christmas  
in the  
*heart*  
that puts  
Christmas  
in the air.  
—W.T. Ellis

Christmas  
Eve  
Worship  
6:00 pm

 **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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