



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Dear Trinity Family,

The season of Advent is full of stories of waiting and anticipating the coming of Jesus. These days it is easy to fast forward into Christmas and miss the beauty of the season of Advent. In the midst of the rush, the glitz, and the to do list....

The season of Advent is full of surprises, of God calling and using God's people (and often times unlikely people) bringing and bearing witness to the kingdom of God in the world. During the season of Advent, we will be looking at the cast of Characters in the early part of the Christmas story...

We will hear stories...

OF HOPE - Hope that comes from unexpected events like the Angel Gabriel announcing to the couple of advanced age were going to give birth to a son. We will meet Zechariah and Elizabeth as they trust in hope of promise even in unexpected times or events.

OF PEACE - Peace in the midst of uncertainty, like when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she...a virgin was going to give birth to a son...the Christ child. We look at the peace that passes understanding as Mary find out her role in the story.

OF JOY - Joy of the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaping for joy at the arrival and announcement when Mary shares with Elizabeth.

OF LOVE - Love that God has for all the characters in the Christmas story. As the Angel Gabriel assures Joseph of his role in the story. One that Joseph is loved by God and called by God to love Mary and be an earthly father of Jesus.

Along with other characters in the story there are the shepherds, the innkeeper, the animals in the manger, the wisemen. There are other characters in this story—YOU! You are part of the Christmas story today. As you prepare this advent season for the coming of the Christ child...I invite you to take time to pay attention to the things you hope for and hope in. Pay attention to things that bring you peace and join in prayer with those who long for peace. Look for and give thanks to God for moments of joy in your live and look for places you can bring joy to others. Finally, pay attention to those you love and those that love you and how you can share love with the world.

I hope that this Advent and Christmas season are full of blessing for you and your family. AND that you will share those blessings with others.

Remember we are blessed to be a blessing.

Pastor Krista



TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: Grant Hartman
Secretary: Cathy Sorenson
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Duane Heckman
Stewardship: Dave Sorenson
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille
Worship: Barb Mager
Youth: Britta Hartman
Pastor Krista

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH November 14, 2018

Present: Yvonne Noorlun, Duane Heckman, Laurie Wille, Nikki Smith, Pastor Krista and Lauren, Barb Mager, Clayton Duncanson, Grant and Britta Hartman, Dave and Cathy Sorenson

Yvonne called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was accepted as read. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. We fell behind \$2031 in October. The checking account balance is \$204 and the savings account balance is \$41,498. Motion carried to Grant made the motion to accept the report and Barb made the second.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship--The Pony Express program is underway. The hope is that the packets will be completed by November 18.

Lay ministry--Rosalie continues to send out cards to mem-

bers celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

Church properties--The shingles on the new addition have been fixed. American Pest Control has fixed the bat and rodent problems. The water softener is not working and needs to be fixed. The sound system was also discussed.

Christian education--GIFT continues to go well. The board is grateful to all those who have furnished food and time to make the program go smoothly. **The kids will be singing on December 16. It will also be noisy Sunday.**

Youth--The election supper was very successful. It was wonderful to see so many kids working in the kitchen.

Worship--Laurie Wille will be in charge of the November 18th service since Pastor will be on a retreat with the confirmation kids.

Pastor--Pastor and 3 chaperones will be taking all 18 of the confirmation students to a middle school retreat in Willmar the weekend of November 17-18.

The Thanksgiving service was held in Madelia this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

A facility use agreement was approved for a shower for Ciera Drevlow on May 18, 2019. Emily (Rode) Langer's request to

transfer to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Beldenville, WI was approved.

Dennis Rode (chairperson), Linda Meyer, Vern Quade, Brad Nickerson, LeAnn Maloney and Rhonda Bonk are the nominating committee members. They would appreciate anyone who volunteers.

Grant made the motion to adjourn and Dave made the second.

Cathy Sorenson
secretary



In case of inclement weather, announcements about Trinity's worship service cancellations will be found on these radio stations...

**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 at the office for Text Alert! for your cell phone.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS
Through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations.

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS			
DATE/Theme	1ST READING	THEME	GOSPEL
Dec. 2- 1st Advent	Habakkuk 1:1-7	<i>Waiting and Watching</i>	Matt. 26:36-38
Dec. 9- 2nd Advent	Esther 4:1-17	<i>Esther Leads</i>	Matt. 5:13-16
Dec. 16-3rd Advent (Choir & GIFT Sing)	Isaiah 42:1-9	<i>The Savior is coming</i>	Matt. 12:15-21
Dec. 23-4th Advent	Psalm 23:1-4	<i>Joseph Trusts God</i>	Matt 1:18-25
Dec. 30- 1st Sun. of Christmas	XXX	<i>Lessons & Carols</i>	XXX

DECEMBER LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 8:45 AM

**GIFT CHURCH SCHOOL: Wednesdays at 2 pm
until 5:30 pm**

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

December 2, 9 and 24th

COMMUNION SERVERS:

12/2-Jan Ringeisen

12/9-Donna Kotewa

12/24-Yvonne Noorlun and Barb Shoen

LAY READERS:

12/2-Johnnie Zaharia

12/9-Laurie Wille

12/16-David Sorenson

12/23-Margaret Durkee

12/24-Barb Shoen

12/30-Jan Ringeisen

ACOLYTES:

12/2-Mason Kelley

12/9-Carter Brudellie

12/16-Carter Brudellie

12/23-TBA

12/24-TBA

12/30-TBA

DECEMBER USHERS:

*Jeff Maloney, Mason Maloney, Art Stough and Clayton Duncanson

Special dates

- First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018
- Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018
- Third Sunday of Advent, December 16, 2018
- First day of winter, December 21, 2018
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018
- Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018
- Christmas Day, December 25, 2018
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, December 31, 2018

Christmas Music Sunday



December 16th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5 PM





WELCA NEWS

When you buy groceries consider getting an extra item or two to put in the box under the coat rack at church. The items in this box go to help out a couple of needy Trinity families. Non-perishable items and paper products are needed and are much appreciated.

We need to have people sign up to help with the cookie walk on December 1st. If you would like to help set up, be at the church at one o'clock on Friday, November 30th. It is also a time to sit and have coffee or apple cider with friends.



Part of the profit from this event will take care of our Benevolence Budget. This year we will be giving \$100 to each of the following:

- Salvation Army
- Beyond the Yellow Ribbon
- Hospice in Fairmont
- Kids Against Hunger
- Heaven's Table Food Shelf
- CREST
- Caring Bridge
- Steven Ose Ministry will get \$75, and the following will receive \$50, they are:
- Kings Aid
- Lutheran Social Service
- Lutheran World Relief
- St. Peter Treatment Center
- ARC Southwest
- Options Pregnancy Center

This year we are giving \$125 to BIO Girls, an organization which started in Fargo, North Dakota and works to help self esteem in young girls. The total our giving will be \$1,200.

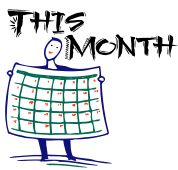
Thanks to all who contributed to our food drive on Thankoffering Sunday. About 200 pounds were brought to Heaven's Table Food Shelf.



Thanks to the family of Eleanor Lubitz and the memorials given in her name, Trinity purchased the "Believe" decoration on top of the curio cabinet in the fellowship hall and several Bibles that were given to the 3rd graders and many Confirmation students. Eleanor had a deep faith and she read her Bible faithfully. These are wonderful gifts from a very precious lady.

The beautiful new message board in the narthex is given in memory of Roxane Engle, daughter of Darrell and Janice Buhmann. From the privacy boards that were originally in the sanctuary, Darrell cut pieces and made the framework for the board and put the whole thing on rollers. This is a wonderful addition to Trinity and we are grateful to the Buhmann family.





January 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Worship Schedule</u> Worship 8:45 AM Church School On Wednesday's 2:00-5:30 pm</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u> Tuesday: 9:00-1:00 pm Friday: 9:00-1:00 pm</p>	<p>Don't forget to donate To the Mitten Tree</p>			<p>1 Cookie Walk at Trinity 8-10:00 am</p>
<p>2 <u>Communion</u></p>	<p>3 Martha Circle dine out</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 GIFT school 2-5:30 6 pm Choir practice</p>	<p>6 9 am Open Bible Study at the church</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>Confirmation U (M) 12:45-3 pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 GIFT school 2-5:30 6 pm Choir practice 7:30 Church Council mtg.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 </p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 <u>3rd Advent</u></p> <p>Christmas Music Sunday</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 GIFT school 2-5:30 6 pm Choir practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 </p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 <u>4th Advent</u></p>	<p>24 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5 PM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Pastor Krista will not be in the office this week, but will be available by cell phone</p>	<p>27 9 am Messenger assembly</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 </p>
<p>3</p>	<p>31</p>					

NEWS

From Our Parish



Our sincere sympathy to the Cheryl Culbertson family on the death of her husband, Howard who passed away on November 10th. His funeral was held at Trinity Lutheran on Wednesday, November 14th. Howards interment was with full military honors at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in rural Lewisville, MN.

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Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Dustin Splinter family on the death of his grandmother, Delores Splinter who passed away on October 30th, 2018 in Fairmont MN. Her funeral service was held at Zion Lutheran Church in Lewisville, MN on November 3rd, 2018. She was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Madelia.



Anyone wishing to help out with Second Harvest pick-up, please talk to Cathy Sorenson. This is a minimal time commitment.



We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the home-bound: **Family of Howard Culbertson and Donna Fisk.**

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

## GIVE AWAY

The desk and chair in the church lounge is for give-away. If you need a good sturdy desk, contact the church office or Lowell N.



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

**Big Thank You!** Thank you to all the parents, youth and all others involved in cleaning up after all your events at the church. I truly appreciate all your help keeping Trinity looking great.

**Lowell Noorlun-Trinity Custodian**



Anyone wishing to have a pastoral visit should contact the church office, Yvonne Noorlun or Pastor Krista



## UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

**Fareway-\$139,250.73**

**Hy-Vee-\$74,995.71**

*Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count*

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

# BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



*December* &  
BIRTHDAYS



*December*  
ANNIVERSARIES

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mon                                         | Tue                                      | Wed                | Thu                                                     | Fri                                | Sat                                  |
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| <p><b>DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</b></p> <p>12/1-Kent &amp; Chris Hyndman (45)<br/>12/1-Ryan &amp; Julie Bruderie (17)<br/>12/2-Wayne &amp; Becky Maloney (46)<br/>12/2-Larry &amp; Amy Mohwinkel (29)</p> |                                             |                                          |                    |                                                         | 1                                  | Jonah Carlson<br><br>Jordan Carlson  |
| 2<br>Keegan Hastad<br><br>John Zaharia                                                                                                                                                                 | 3<br>Arlene Wegner                          | 4                                        | 5<br>Oakley Selnes | 6                                                       | 7<br>Marilyn Anderson              | 8<br><br><b>Geri Peterson (83)</b>   |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10<br>Cheryl Culbertson<br><br>Kaela Kelley | 11<br>                                   | 12<br>Denny Jahnz  | 13                                                      | 14<br><br><b>Doris Fedder (81)</b> | 15<br>                               |
| 16<br>Lori Anderson<br><br>Rosalie Heckman                                                                                                                                                             | 17                                          | 18                                       | 19                 | 20                                                      | 21<br>Becky Maloney<br>            | 22<br><br><b>Helmuth Fedder (86)</b> |
| 23                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 24<br>                                      | 25<br><br><i>O Come Let Us Adore Him</i> | 26                 | 27<br>Norman Anderson<br><br><b>Bev Gulbranson (86)</b> | 28                                 | 29                                   |
| 30<br>Heidi Selnes<br><br>Laurie Wille                                                                                                                                                                 | 31<br>Mike Wiederhoeft                      |                                          |                    |                                                         |                                    |                                      |



# THANK YOU!

## TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE ELECTION NIGHT SOUP SUPPER



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23RD Annual

# Cookie Walk

at

*Trinity Lutheran Church  
Truman, Minnesota*

*Saturday, December 1*

*8:00-10:00 AM*

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





# THE MESSENGER

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## December 2018

*God's Blessings to:*

  
**Christmas Eve**  
Communion Worship  
5:00 pm

*Father, make me as eager as a young Jesus to be in your house and to learn your teachings.  
Amen.*





**TRINITY WORSHIP-8:45 AM**  
**CHURCH SCHOOL- Wednesday's**  
*(2 pm after school until 5:30 pm. 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

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**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~