

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

Christmas. The very word conjures up memories and connects us to other related words. Christmas trees, Christmas bells, Christmas cookies, Christmas carols, Christmas candles, Christmas

presents, Christmas parties, and Christmas pageants and programs, Oh yes. Christmas pageants and programs. For parents they invoke happy moments of seeing your child in the pageant, rejoicing that he/she remembered all of their lines, or causing you to blush slightly as you remember your sweet shy little daughter swinging her multi-ruffled skirt over her head showing off everything underneath. There are adult women still looking back with some sadness, or bitterness, that they never got to play Mary and there are adult men playing the part of wise men who rebel at carrying beautiful perfume looking bottles because they refuse to believe that frankincense and myrrh were fragrant oils. And of course there are those who have directed Christmas pageants/programs. They are equally divided into two groups; those who look forward to the experience year after year and those who would rather have root canal work without anesthesia than direct another pageant. I fall into the later category. However the two most memorable pageant/programs for me are not ones I had to direct, but were rather Christmas program/pageants in which I participated as a child and a teen.

Memory #1. I was in nursery-kindergarten Sunday School class which meant we were the group that all had little verses to memorize and recite. Our church had just gotten its first PA system. Everyone was excited. Children are always thrilled about using a microphone and parents were excited because for the first time, they were actually going to be able to hear the recitations. Our teacher was the sweetest most genteel older woman you can imagine. She had rehearsed us lovingly and well. The very first little speaker to use the microphone was a child who came from a rather difficult, rough-around-the-edges family. She was to step to the mic, with a toy telephone in hand, which she was then to ring while saying, "I am calling to wish you all a Merry Christmas:"

Simple. No problem, right? Wrong. She tried to get the little telephone to ring and couldn't; in her frustration, the very first words to come through the new microphone were these. 'I can't get this d*** m phone to ring.' The poor teacher was mortified; the congregation could not restrain their laughter-or shock-and the rest of us were simply bewildered because we didn't use words like that! Memory #2. When I was in high school we had a very active and good sized youth group-at least for a small church. Many of us in that youth group played instruments in band so someone got the bright idea that we had enough clarinets, flutes, coronets, and saxophones, plus a drummer and tuba player to form a little Christmas band. The organist would accompany us. We had practiced and it seemed that all would go well. Things are seldom as they first seem. The problem was created by the logistics of the organ and the sound box. The organ was at the front of the church but the sound box was at the back of the church, which made it difficult, if not impossible for the band to hear the organ. The second problem was created when the organist got the order of the carols mixed up. We started to play....that is...the organist started to play one carol while the band was playing another...both totally unaware of the situation at first. Let's just say it was not a joyful or harmonious sound. About midway through the carol, the tuba player heard the organ, and realizing what was happening, started to play the carol she was playing. The drummer, who was seated directly in front of the tuba had no choice but to change the beat! Now, if you are following the story you understand that the wind and brass instruments were playing one carol while the tuba player and the organist were playing a "duet" of sorts, and the drummer was trying to keep time with everyone. Needless to say, we were never again asked to play for Christmas....or anything else!

During this Advent and Christmas season please take time to recall and share some of your favorite Christmas pageant and program stories...but most of all, don't forget to remember and to share the most wonderful Christmas story of all. Because of His great love for us, God sent His Son to us, to bring us back into God's glorious presence and to give us life, now and forever!! Merry Christmas.

Pastor Penny

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun

Vice President: N/A

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

Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Eloise Miller- The Thanksgiving Cards are ready to mail and 50 ornaments for the GIFT program children.

Church Properties-Mark Durkee- Talked to the Truman City about using their property for our parking lot.

Christian Education-Nikki Smith- GIFT had 36 children with a movie and popcorn. At the next class, the children will walk to Dollar General and shop for guests at the Ronald McDonald house in Sioux Falls.

January 2 is the deadline for Committee Reports for the annual meeting on January 15th. Nikki motioned that **church service will start at 10 instead of 10:30 beginning on January 1 2023.** Rhonda second.

Eloise moved to adjourn at 8:10 and Rhonda second.

Submitted by Secretary



Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
Wednesday- November 9, 2022

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Eloise Miller Dan Klassen Rhonda Bonk Cathy Sorenson Nikki Smith Teresa Zaharia Mark Durkee

Vice President Dan Klassen called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pastors Report- Penny Ritter Wrote "Glad You Were Here" cards (3), visits (2), Sent "Get Well" cards (2).

Secretary Report- was accepted as read.

Treasure's Report- was accepted as read

Stewardship- Rhonda Bonk - The Pony Express launched on November 6 with the opportunity to respond to the pledges and time and talent survey right after church service. There was a very good response. 24 pledge cards were sent in the mail and 65 in the pony express packets. Packets need to be back by November 20.

The January 4th GIFT class, there will be a Christmas program and supper at 5:30. Everyone is invited to come for the program and supper.

Youth-Teresa Zaharia- The Election supper went well. The youth will go to Rock on Ice at the Martin County arena on December 10.
Worship-Cathy Sorenson- The traditional communion went well. There will be no church on Christmas Day. Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 pm. New Christmas trees have been purchased. It was decided to purchase new white 8 foot tables. The old tables will be for sale in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Teresa motioned to use the Lent and Christmas moneys for meals on wheels, school food program, and ELCA Good Gifts (farm animals for those in need). Cathy second.

New Business:



Treasurer's Summary Report As of October 31, 2022

| | |
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| Checking Account Bal. | \$57,531 |
| Savings Account Bal. | \$55,746 |

OCTOBER:

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| General Fund Income | \$ 8,159 |
| General Fund Expenses | \$ 5,736 |
| Net long | \$ 2,423 |

NOVEMBER:

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| Cash Available | \$ 57,531 |
| Bills to pay | \$ 5,419 |
| Cash long | \$52,112 |

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

| DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR | FIRST READING | SECOND READING | GOSPEL |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Dec 4th—2nd Advent | Isa 11:1-10 | Rom 15:4-13 | Matt 3:1-12 |
| Dec 11—3rd Advent | Isa 35:1-10 | James 5:7-10 | Matt 11:2-11 |
| Dec 18—4th Advent | Isa 7:10-16 | Rom 1:1-7 | Matt 1:18-25 |
| Dec 25—Christmas Eve | Isa 9:2-7 | Titus 2:11-14 | Luk 2:1-14 [15-20] |

Thank you to the Trinity Youth Group kids and all others who helped with the Election Nite Soup Supper.





WELCA News

Hopefully all of you with “prayer children” remembered to send Thanksgiving cards!

Thank you to all who participated in our thank offering and brought items for the school food shelf.

Our November WELCA meeting was held on a Tuesday morning after coffee. Apparently this seemed like a good time because it was decided to meet on the second Tuesday after coffee next year. We meet in February, May, August, and November.

We also changed the date of the Open Bible Study to the second Thursday because the Gather magazine which contains our study has been coming so late.

Something new we are trying is serving coffee and pie after the Thanksgiving Eve service. Hopefully it was enjoyed by all!

Joyce volunteered to pick up the Christmas gifts for our shut-ins. She will have help delivering them.

Robin Miller will now be one of the Living Meadows Auxiliary representatives. Thanks to Robin for being willing to do this and to Connie for having held that position.

December 3rd is the cookie Walk. It would be really neat if we could have 100% participation! If you are unable to make cookies a monetary contribution would be great!

Barb Shoen

Dear Trinity Members,

On December 3rd, WELCA is sponsoring its 25th Cookie Walk. COVID prevented our having it in 2020 and last year we had a bakeless bake sale. **Lots** of cookies, candy, caramel corn, party mix, etc. are needed to make this event a success. We are asking each member to contribute **8 dozen** cookies **OR** to make a comparable monetary donation. WE have found the fancier cookies sell the best. **Please make an effort to contribute cookies, etc. but know that monetary contributions are very much appreciated.**

The Cookie Walk and the Salad Luncheon are the only two fund raisers we have and ALL Trinity women are asked to participate.

The profit from the Cookie Walk goes to area charities. This year we will be contributing to at least 13 different organizations.

We would like the cookies to be at the church on Friday night or by 7 am on Saturday morning. **Please remember to sign your name on the contribution list.**

Thank you so much for your cooperation and contribution.

Trinity WELCA Committee

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$77,574.29

Hy-Vee-\$133,500.78

Keep those receipts coming!!

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



| January 2023 | | | | | | |
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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| WORSHIP SCHEDULE In-person Service at 10:30 am on Sunday's & live on FB | CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00 | When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us. Titus 3:4-5, NIV | | | | |
| 4 <u>Communion</u> SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 5 | 6 | 7 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30 | 8 9 am Open Bible Study at church | 9 | 10 Youth Rock on Ice Trip |
| 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 12 | 13 | 14 Confirmation Class-4-5:30 7 pm Church Council mtg. | 15 | 16 | 17 Truman Santa Parade 5 PM |
| 18 <u>Communion</u> FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 19 Newsletter DEADLINE! | 20 | 21 Confirmation Class-4-5:30 Hello Winter | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve SERVICE - 6 pm |
| 25 <u>NO SERVICE</u> The TRUE meaning of christmas | Beginning January 1st, 2023 Worship time will be at 10 AM. | | | | | 31 Happy New Year! |
| | | | | 29 30 GIFT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM-5:30-7:30 JANUARY 4, 2023 | | |

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Our sympathy to Geri Peterson and family at the death of her sister, Gloria Adams of Fairmont who passed away on November 9th. Her funeral was held on November 28 in Fairmont.

Deepest Sympathy to the Ross Ringeisen family at the death of his father, John, from Sherburn, MN who passed away on November 15th, 2022. His funeral was held on Saturday, November 19, 2022

.On November 6th, All Saints Sunday, we remembered our passed loved ones. Those who passed away from Trinity in 2022 are:

Ardene Miller 4-15-2022

Duane Heckman 5-4-2022

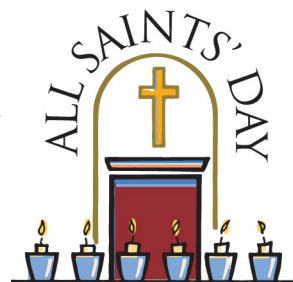
Dallas Wegner 6-19-2022

LuElla Kautz 7-1-2022

Howard Kautz 8-9-2022

Doyle Peterson 8-13-2022

Lowell Williamson 8-28-2022



Their memory is a blessing forever!



An Open House in honor of Marlene (Miller) Ratike's 90th Birthday to

be held on Sunday, January 8th 2023 from 11:30—2:00 pm (following the worship service) at Trinity Lutheran Church, Truman

No invitations are being sent
NO Gifts please

Don't forget
to donate

To the
Mitten
Tree



Thank you to JoAnn Knutson for knitting all the gloves and hats again this year!!

In case of inclement weather, announcements about Trinity's worship service cancellations will be found on the KEYC TV...

The announcements will also be text messaged to you if your signed up to receive them and on Trinity's website and Facebook page.

(if you would like to sign up for text messages contact the church office 507-776-4781)

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

Larry Miller, Rosalie Heckman, Doris Fedder, Jerry Teig, Linnea Huss, Alan Ratike, Brian Nickerson, Geri Peterson family, and Ross Ringeisen family

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



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| <div> DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES  12/1– Kent & Christ Hydman—49 years 12/1–Ryan & Julie Bruderie —21 years 12/2–Wayne & Becky Maloney—50 yrs 12/2–Larry & Amy Mohwinkel—33 years </div> | | | | 1 Jonah Carlson Jordan Carlson | 2 Keegan Hastad | 3 Arlene Wegner (80 years) |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Marilyn Anderson | 8 Geri Peterson (87 years) | 9 | 10 Cheryl Culbertson Kaela Kelley |
| 11  | 12 | 13 | 14 Doris Fedder (85 years)  | 15 | 16 Lori Anderson Rosalie Heckman (83 years) | 17 Ella Fadness |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Sophia Carlson Becky Maloney | 22 | 23 | 24  Candlelight Service |
| 25  | 26 | 27 Norman Anderson (83 years) | 28 | 29 | 30 Laurie Wille | 31 Mike Wiederhoeft  |



Merry Christmas

Cookie Walk

at

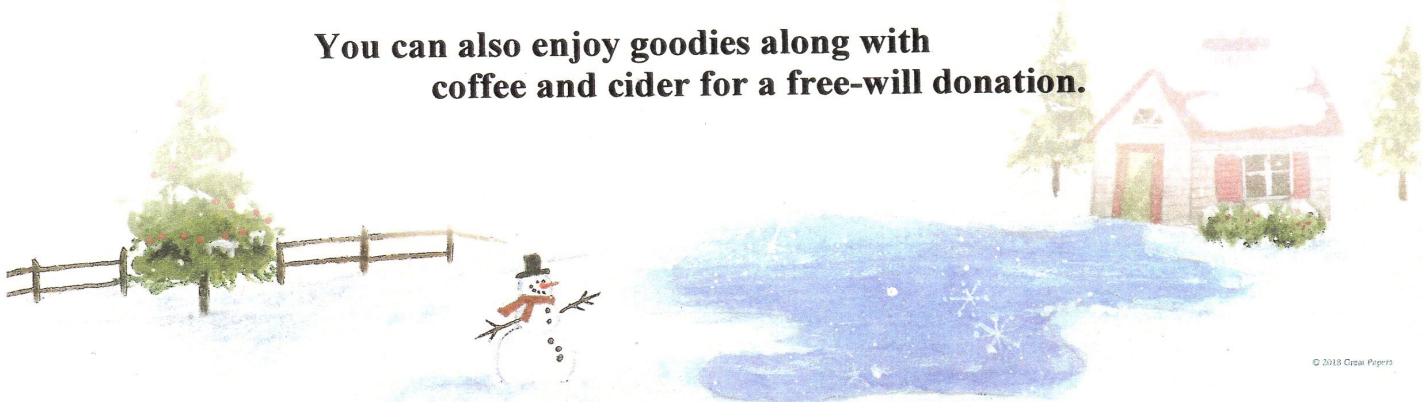
*Trinity Lutheran Church
Truman, Minnesota*

*Saturday, December 3
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.**



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TRINITY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

GIFT Christmas Program and Spaghetti Supper at Trinity Lutheran Church



January 4th 5:30pm-7:30pm

Christmas Program will start after GIFT at 5:30pm
Meal will be served from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Meal Includes: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, bars and juice.

Families and Congregation are all invited!



Truman Public Schools

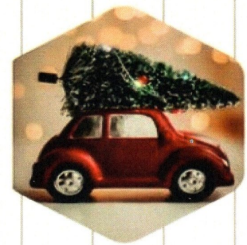
Community Fun Night

Thursday December 1, 2022
4:30-8:00

Boys Basketball Games
A, B & C Squad
Vs LCWM

Book Fair: Library

Free Holiday Movie
6-6:30 pm, Auditorium



High School Class Fundraisers and Activities

Bake Sale
Polar Express-Craft Sale and Activities
Cheesy Chicken/Hot Dog Meals
Pre-sale Sub Sandwiches
Pre-sale Pies (Baked By Mr. Nass)
Outdoor Evergreen Pots
Meat Raffle
Guinea Pig Petting Zoo
Pie Raffle
Truman/Jaguar Clothing
Daycare Homemade Play dough



CRAFT AND VENDOR SALE

December 3rd, 2022 - 930am to 2pm

Truman Community Building 313 W 1st Ave N

Glass angles, Christmas tree, and more

Tupperware

Quilts, Afghans, Towels, games

Gnomes, ornaments

Creative Memories, Diamond painting

Alpaca items, Sentsy

Gnomes, Jewlery

Christmas decorations wreaths,

Shell crafts, crocheted roses

Sew Loved, Lularoe clothes

Furniture and crafts

8th grade bake sale

Chili Lunch

Much more come check us out

Merry Christmas, Deer



Lutefisk Supper

Saturday, January 7, 2023

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Serving 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
906 Prospect Avenue
Windom, MN
(parking lot on the corner of Miller Ave. & 10th Street)

MENU INCLUDES: LUTEFISK, MEATBALLS, LEFSE AND MORE
SECONDS TABLE WILL BE OFFERED
RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED BY JANUARY 2ND

Limited tickets available at the door
Adults \$15.00 --- Ages 12 and under \$5.00
Tickets available following church services on
Sunday's or by calling the church office at 831-1794



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