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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



This sign was in every classroom that I ever taught and

beyond basic rules and social skills I taught my special education classrooms, this sign provided a reminder for my students, my middle school homeroom group, teachers, and other professionals that words have power.

Our words have power, power to build up and power to tear down. Words hold power to inspire and power to oppress... Throughout Epiphany our theme has been: Beloved... Be Loved... Be Love. God calls you Beloved... you beloved... to be love. We explored that we in being called beloved we have an identity, promise that we are loved by God, and a purpose to be love to the world. We are encountering Jesus in scriptures and will be listening in the coming weeks to Jesus teaching his disciples about how to live... how to be love to the world. I anticipate that we will be challenged by these teachings and hopefully it will impact how we interact ... be love to the world.

So let's start today... let's be practical. Think about your words, what words you choose to say, to whom, and how you say them. Do our words reflect Christ's presence in the world

TRUE - "Is it true?"

Let this be the first lens. Sometimes, it is tempting to pass on something we've just heard, because it is a juicy tidbit or because we're bored or because we've already complained about the weather. Ask yourself - "Is this the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

Another way I helped children figure this out is by asking: "Have you seen it or just heard it? Are you absolutely sure that this is what you saw?"

HELPFUL - "Is it helpful?"

Is there anything in the world that the hearer can do about this?

INSPIRING - "Is it inspiring?"

This invites us to another level. Who is it that needs to be inspired today? Inspired to put down the quick quips, that make you feel witty for a nano-second, but make you feel belittled? Inspire you to look beyond the hurting words to the hurting person who delivered them? Inspire you to be your best person.

Ask yourself, "Is what you are about to tell going to inspire them to be their best selves or see themselves in the best light or are your words intended to hurt and demean and put down the other?"

NECESSARY - "Is it necessary?"

Is it mine to tell? Is it important that anyone tell? What will happen if I say nothing? If there is a fire, by all means tell, tell, tell. Use a loud voice. Dial 911. Or is it something that I want to say to see its impact, to let others know that I have some inside knowledge, or to dish dirt on a person with whom I am currently on the outs?

Ask yourself, "Am I telling to keep someone safe or to get someone in trouble?" This is a question that makes the distinction between tattling and getting help.

KIND - "Is it kind?"

This is perhaps the capstone question. Is this encouraging, supportive, and compassionate to the one to whom it is spoken? Does this reflect well on the speaker?

In the coming weeks I invite you to reflect on how your words impact your being love. In the last few months and weeks we are hearing a lot of words being said - lets pay attention to our words. I'd love living in a world in which we all spoke the truth that is helpful, inspiring, necessary, and kind. Together we can build that world.

Pastor Krista

TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES



COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Tom Dodge,
Vice President: Dennis Rode
Secretary: Marlene Breitbarth
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,
Stewardship: Duane Heckman
Lay Ministry: Yvonne Noorlun
Worship: Barb Mager
Youth: Teresa Davis
Pastor Krista

Trinity Council Minutes January 11, 2017

Present: Dennis Rode, Marlene Breitbarth, Clayton Duncanson, Vern Quade, Cathy Sorenson, Yvonne Noorlun, Teresa Davis, and Pastor Krista.

Vice-president Dennis called the meeting to order and Pastor Krista lead us in devotions.

Clayton made a motion and Yvonne seconded to approve the secretary's report as presented. Motion passed.

Clayton presented the treasurer's report; there is \$10,301 in checking and \$37,318 in savings. Motion passed to accept the report.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship: There were more pledges submitted since the last meeting, **so the total pledged for 2017 is \$90,632.**

Lay Ministry: Yvonne reported that this past year they have been sending out cards to members, helped with confirmation

and graduation along with the Maundy Thursday service.

Church Properties: No report at this time

Christian Ed: Since the Christmas program was cancelled, they are working on a Spring Musical set for April 30th. The adult bible study has been set up for starting Jan. 24th at 6:30 at the Lewisville Legion. There is also a need for Sunday School Teachers. If you can't teach every Sunday consider Team Teaching with someone.

Youth: The service project for the confirmation class is Kids against Hunger and will be Feb. 18th. They are also planning a Mission Trip to Rapid City, SD on July 23rd – 28th and a family mission trip to Wisconsin for later.

Worship: Confirmation has been set for May 7th and Graduation reception for May 21st. It was agreed to get one dozen carnations for Kent Krumwiede's ordination. It was also mentioned that one of the copy machines in the office is no longer working.

Old Business: None

New Business: Need to assemble the Annual Reports; this will be done on Thursday.

Pastor Krista handed out her monthly Pastor's report. She is working on Lenten theme and services.

Submitted by:
Marlene Breitbarth, Secretary



CONGRATULATIONS! We're excited to share that in 2016 over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choice Dollars® to more than 32,000 churches, schools and other nonprofits, including **Trinity Lutheran Church**, through Thrivent Choice®. Based on member recommendations, **Trinity Lutheran Church received \$1,031 in charitable outreach funding in 2016.** The Thrivent Choice program helps members of Thrivent Financial make a positive impact in their communities.

2016 CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE SOON! Now is the time to promote Thrivent Choice. All 2016 Choice Dollars have been made available for members to direct so there is no reason to wait. Use the free promotional materials available on the Thrivent Choice page on Thrivent.com to easily remind your supporters about Thrivent Choice® and the positive impact that can be made by directing Choice Dollars to your organization. As a reminder, 2016 Choice Dollars expire on March 31.

CONGRATULATIONS!



To Pastor Kent Krumwiede who was ordained at Trinity on January 21st. He was installed as the pastor at Peace-Grue Parish in Ashby, MN on Jan. 22nd. Pastor Kent & Lisa's new address is: 10356 State Hwy 78, Ashby, MN 56309

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/THEME	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
February 5- Fifth epiphany	Isa 58:1-9a [9b-12]	112:1-9[10]	1 Cor 2:1-12 [13-16]	Matt 5:13-20
February 12- Sixth Epiphany	Deut 3:15-20	119:1-8	1 Cor 3:1-9	Matt 5:21-37
February 19- Seventh Epiphany	Lev 19:1-2, 9-18	119:33-40	1 Cor 3:1-11, 16-23	Matt 5:38-48
February 26- Transfiguration	Exod 24:12-18	2	2 Peter 1;16-21	Matt 17:1-9

FEBRUARY LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 8:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 10:00 AM

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

February 5 & 12

COMMUNION SERVERS:

2/5-Jerry Teig

2/12-David Sorenson

LAY READERS:

2/5-Brenda Hansen

2/12-LeAnn Maloney

2/19-Clayton Duncanson

2/26-Courtney Zaharia

USHERS:

*Gary Meyer, Tommy Kotewa, Grant Hartman,
Duke Drevlow

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE TRANSFIGURATION

In Matthew 17, we read about Jesus' taking James and John up to the top of a high mountain. It was there that Jesus suddenly appeared to have a different countenance. He was transfigured, his body taking on a glow. Matthew writes: "His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white" (Matthew 17:2, NRSV).

Not only did his friends observe that amazing change but they heard a voice saying, "**This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!**" (17:5).

What happened then? Those fellows did what many of us would have done. They fell to the ground overcome by fear. But they stayed there until Jesus came and touched them. He told them not to be afraid. Then, after they had settled down a bit, he led them down the mountain.

What does that experience say to us? Certainly it shows that Jesus is the unique Son of God. We might call this event the ordination of Jesus.

LENTEN WORSHIP PLACE & TIMES

March 1—Ash Wednesday 5:30 pm Worship

March 8—at Madelia 7 pm

March 15—at Truman 7 pm (5:30-6:45 meal)

March 22—at Madelia 7 pm

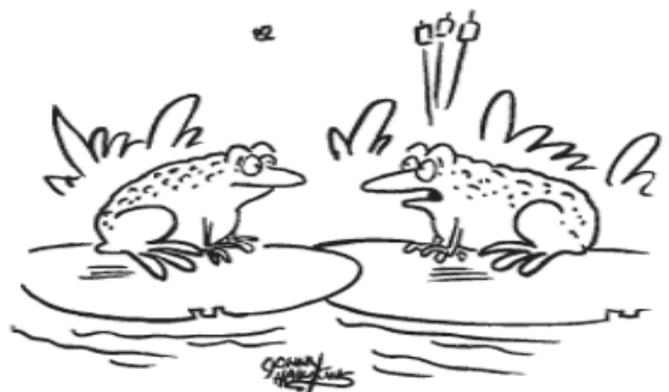
March 29—at Truman 7pm (5:30-6:45 meal)

April 5—at Madelia

Maundy Thurs.—9:30 am at Truman, 7 pm-Madelia

Good Friday—at Trinity 7 pm

Easter Service—April 16 at Truman at 8:45 am



"Do you promise to love me, warts and all?"



WELCA NEWS

The first session of putting quilts together for this year was on Monday and Tuesday, January 30 and 31. Anyone is welcome to come and help tie quilt tops, batting and backing together with yarn, sew the edges when quilts have been tied or help out in other ways to make the process work. And don't forget that there is coffee time in the morning and afternoon. Simply bring something to share – (bars, cookies, crackers, fruit, cake – whatever you might have that you'd like to bring.) And if you wish, we usually go to the Truman Café for lunch each day. There is always plenty of good conversation and fellowship

Quilting days are also scheduled for February 27-28 and March 27-28.

Last year over 100 quilts were put together. The quilts are given to local causes plus the Bridging Project in the Twin Cities which gives quilts to homeless teens, needy families and others in need. Please think about coming to help – you will enjoy the day.

The next WELCA general meeting will be at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 13. Morning Bible Study serves. There are four general meeting per year. The next meeting will be May 15th.

2017 WELCA PLAN OF WORK BOOKLET

Each women/husband at Trinity is assigned to a working division. These divisions help out when needed in providing and serving food for funerals and other church events. The need for help is rotated among the 3 divisions. The decision was made to divide into 3 working divisions instead of 4. Division A Co-chairs are: Linda & Gary Meyer & Brenda & Jim Hansen. Division B Co-chairs are: Rhonda & Mike Bonk & Marlene Breitbarth. And Division C Co-chairs are: Donna & Sam Kotewa & Janice & Mike Wiederhoeft. Thank you for being volunteers. Check in the 2017 purple WELCA plan of work booklet, it is in your mailbox at the church. Dates for upcoming fundraisers and WELCA events can be found on page 6 in the booklet.

FEBRUARY WELCA EVENTS INCLUDE:

February 13-WELCA Meeting at 1:30

February 27-28-Quilting Days



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway-\$80,469.83

Hy-Vee-\$60,180.38

*Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count)
Keep those receipts coming!!*



February

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Worship Schedule</p> <p>Worship 8:45 AM</p> <p>TRINITY</p> <p>Sun school 10:00 AM</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Tuesday: 9:00-1:00 pm</p> <p>Friday: 9:00-1:00 pm</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00</p> <p>Wed-8-11 & 1-4</p> <p>Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	1	<p>2 9 am</p> <p>Open Bible Study at the Truman Café</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  Groundhog Day </div>	3	4
5 <u>Communion</u>	<p>6 1:30</p> <p>Martha at Barb S.</p>	<p>7 6:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Bible Study at Lewisville Legion</p>	8	<p>9 7 pm Church Council Mtg. At Madelia</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">DEADLINE!</div>	11
12 <u>Communion</u>	<p>13 1:30</p> <p>WELCA Mtg Morn. Bible Study serves</p> <p>Brenda on</p>	<p>14</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! </div> <p>vacation</p>	15	16	<p>17</p> <p>Pat Jones Scrapbooking at church</p>	18
19	<p>20</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  President's DAY </div> <p>Brenda on</p>	<p>21 6:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Bible Study at Lewisville Legion</p> <p>vacation</p>	22	23	24	25
<p>26</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  TRANSFIGURATION </div>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 am Quilting Days</p>	<p>28</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  TBA Messenger Assembly </div>	29	30	<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ash Wednesday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship on March 1st at 5:30 pm</p>	32

NEWS

From Our Parish

TRINITY'S NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2017

President: **Dennis Rode**
Vice-President: **Yvonne Noorlun**
Secretary: **Cathy Sorenson**
Treasurer: **Clayton Duncanson**

(New committee members are in **bold type**)

Christian Ed: Julie Bruderie, Kim Hastad, Natalie Splinter ***Nikki Smith**

Lay Ministry: *Marilyn Duncanson, Rosalie Heckman, **Tammy Selnes**

Worship: Pam Rode, *Barb Mager, **Brenda Hansen**

Youth: Teresa Zaharia, Britta Hartman, ***Teresa Davis, Mindy Cook**

Stewardship: *Vern Quade, Duane Heckman, Dave Sorenson, **Rhonda Bonk**

Church Properties: *Brad Nickerson, Ron Kelley, **Ross Ringeisen**

(* Council Representative)



SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS!

Now you can receive an alert text message from the Trinity church office! You will know right away when Church or Sunday School is cancelled or any other important notification.

Let Brenda know if you want to be included. (you just need to have the texting feature on your cell phone)

Fill out this form and return to the church office.

Or respond by calling or texting the church office at 507-776-4781,

emailing the office at trinitytruman@frontier.com or mailing this form in an envelope to:

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Name: _____

Cell phone _____

Marvin (Butch) & Marlene Ratike

will celebrate

65 Years of Marriage February 9, 2017

A celebration with family was held at the Red Rock Center for Arts in Fairmont.

Their family is honoring them with a card shower and cards may be sent to them at:

P.O. Box 67 • Truman, MN 56088



Prayers

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

Bea Behrens, Family of Lisa

Carlson, Donna Fisk, and Danny Lang.

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

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

**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.



BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



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BIBLE STUDY ON FEB. 7TH AND 21ST.

TAP into THEOLOGY!

Join us as we gather together at the Lewisville Legion for a time of discussion about God, faith, and even our questions.

All are welcome.

TAP into THEOLOGY begins January 24th from 6:30-8:00 and will meet every other Tuesday.

**At the Lewisville Legion
All Are Welcome!**



This is a joint study sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Churches in Madelia and Truman. All are welcome.



Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!

W i n t e r



Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12th letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.

- (1) You really like ice cream! _____ 
- (16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. _____
- (21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. _____
- (4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. _____
- (11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. _____
- (17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. _____
- (6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. _____

♥ "Honor _____ and _____, and _____ your _____"

Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV

Christian Symbol+

Aureole

From the Latin for "gold," an aureole is a golden image symbolizing divinity and supreme power. It's used sometimes in medieval art to surround Mary and the Christ Child, or Jesus alone. The elongated or almond-shaped form of an aureole is called a mandorla.



What unique characteristic of the judge Ehud enabled him to outsmart King Eglon of Moab, who had been oppressing ancient Israel?

- A. He was left-handed.
- B. He was blind.
- C. He was very fat.
- D. He was exceedingly strong.



Answer: A (See Judges 3:12-26.)



THE MESSENGER

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Text Alert!!!

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message if church has been
cancelled, or any other event
change. Call or email the
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February 2017

God's Blessings to:

"Patience with others is love, patience with self is hope, patience with God is faith."

—Adel Bestavros



Welcome
Worship with us

TRINITY WORSHIP-8:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL-10:00 AM
(Sunday school classes are from 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

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~