

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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

Greetings members of Trinity Lutheran Church!

I look forward to serving you in a pastoral (visitation) and worship leadership role beginning on Sunday, February 19th. We get to jump right into the church season of Lent!

Ash Wednesday and the following weeks

of midweek Lenten services will focus on Baptism and our call as "Beloved, baptized Children of God; being called to discipleship and worship of God.

During the season of Lent we are called to evaluate our lives and how we live them. It is a special time. Lent is often seen as dark and negative. Some see it as a time to "beat" our lives into submission to the Lord. I do not believe that is the purpose Christ intends. I see this as a time for us to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God. It is time to reconnect with our maker and prepare to celebrate His victory over death.

Wednesday Midweek Lenten services will begin the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday, March 1st; continuing through the month of March.

The focus of the brief Lenten messages within the Holden Evening Prayer service will be focused on baptism ("Baptized: Marked for Living") We celebrate our baptism and explore

ways in which we follow and live out our Christian calling in our daily life. Each family unit will receive items for a home baptism/discipleship display.

I invite you all to worship and continue to discover and rediscover God's love for us, and His presence with us.

Lent is a season that calls us to make sure that we are still

connected to our LIFE GIVING LORD AND GOD. It is in Christ, and only in Christ, that we have the promise of God's guidance in this life, and the promise of the forgiveness of sin, victory over death and eternal life.

Pastor Carol

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COUNCIL MINUTES

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



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting 7:00
January 11, 2023**

Members Present:

Yvonne Noorlun Kathy
Wilkening Eloise Miller Dan
Klassen Cathy Sorenson
Nikki Smith Teresa Zaharia
Mark Durkee Margaret Dur-
kee Josh Tonkin

Pastors Report- Pastor
Penny Sent 13 visitor wel-
come cards. 2 sympathy
cards, 2 telephone calls, 1
visit.

Secretary's Report-Kathy
Wilkening - Was accepted
as read .

Treasures Report - Teresa
Zaharia was motioned to
accept as presented.

Sterwardship- Margaret
Durkee—About 50% of
pledges were sent back.

Church Properties- Mark
Durkee - Snow removal is
done by Clayton Duncan-
son, Wayne Wiederhoeft
and Mark Durkee

Christian Ed-Nikki Smith -
GIFT Spaghetti supper was
postponed due to the storm.
Rescheduled to January 18
and will include the GIFT
Christmas Program/Supper.
Took gift packages the
GIFT kids bought at Dollar
General to the Ronald
McDonald house in Sioux
Falls. Discussed possible
paid position for Youth
Coordinator. Salary offered
would be \$15 per hour for
20 hours per month starting
in June.

Youth-Teresa Zaharia-None

Worship-Cathy Sorenson
Planning the services.

OLD BUSINESS-

Received thank you card
from Meals on Wheels
Heartland Senior Living for
the donation.

NEW BUSINESS-

The call committee have in-
terviewed a pastor from
Blue Earth. Pastor Carol

Tagaz Mapa is retired and look-
ing for part time approximately
18 hours a week. She could
start February 19. Salary would
be about \$24,400 per year.
Annual meeting will be January
15 after church to discuss Pas-
tor Carol.

Pastor Penny's last day would
be February 5th with February
12 as back up with celebration
after service. Pastor Carol
would start February 19 with
coffee and get together after
service.

Cathy motioned to adjourn at
8:30 and Teresa second.

Submitted by Secretary

Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of December 31, 2022

Checking Account Bal.	\$68,343
Savings Account Bal.	\$52,946

DECEMBER:

General Fund Income	\$ 8,431
General Fund Expenses	\$ 6,377
Net long	\$ 2,054

JANUARY:

Cash Available	\$ 68,343
Bills to pay	\$ 5,112
Cash long	\$63,231

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
February 5— 5 Epiphany	Isa 58:1-9a[9b-12]	1 Cor 2:1-12[13-16]	Matt 5:13-20
February 12—6 Epiphany	Deut 30:15-20	1 Cor 3:1-9	Matt 5:21-37
February 19-Transfiguration of our Lord	Exod 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matt 17:1-9
February 22-Ash Wed	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa 58:1-12	2 Cor 5:20b—6:10	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21
February 26— 1st Lent	Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Rom 5:12-19	Matt 4:1-11

TRINITY'S NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2023

Denotes Council Representative, New leadership in **bold print*

*PRESIDENT: **Dan Klassen**
 *VICE-PRESIDENT: **Josh Tonkin**
 *SECRETARY: Kathy Wilkening
 *FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR: Brenda Hansen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nikki Smith *
 Allison Klassen
Ashley Parish

CHURCH PROPERTIES

Mark Durkee *
 Mike Wiederhoeft
Brad Nickerson

STEWARDSHIP

Margaret Durkee *
Robin Miller
Louis Hinton

WORSHIP

Brenda Hansen
 Marlene Breitbarth
 Cathy Sorenson *

YOUTH

Caitlyn Carlson*
 Heather Tonkin
Kim Hastad

LAY MINISTRY

Laurie Wille
 Donna Kotewa
Judy Doble*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chairperson— Yvonne Noorlun

Mark Durkee, Laurie Wille, Caitlyn Carlson, LeAnn Maloney, Jan Ringeisen

GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP REPRESENTATIVE.: **Laurie Wille**





WELCA News

Our next WELCA meeting will be Tuesday morning, February 14. Come to the weekly coffee hour at 8:30 and at 9:30 we will begin our meeting.

We will be tying quilts the last Monday and Tuesday of the first three months of the year. Bring a bag lunch for your noon meal on Mondays and then we will decide what to do on Tuesdays.

We are hoping to hear from our graduates soon as to what their interests are so we can make special quilts for them. There are five graduates this year.

Now that we no longer have working divisions we have a serving committee (formerly the funeral committee). These ladies really worked hard last year with eight funerals. Hopefully this year will be less busy.

The next holiday will be Valentines Day. Hopefully we all remember to send our prayer child a card!

Barb Shoen



Mary Lehr has moved, her new address is:

Lakeview Methodist Home
610 Summit Dr. #213,
Fairmont, MN 56131



A huge thank you to the following who took down the Christmas decorations:

Arlene Peterson, Sandy Meyer, Robin and Charley Miller, Judy Doble, Joyce Ysker, Jan Warrington, Dave & Cathy Sorenson and Brenda Hansen.

In case of Inclement weather, announcements about Trinity's worship service cancellations will be texted to your smart phone and will also be announced on our website, Facebook page and on the KEYC television station out of Mankato, MN.



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$69,510.96

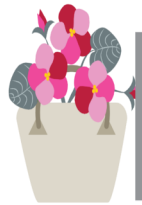
Hy-Vee-\$140,433.33

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

**Give
Online**

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February

March 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	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
WORSHIP SCHEDULE Service at 10:00 am on Sunday's streaming live on FB	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8-11		1 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3	4
5 Communion FAREWELL & GOOD WISHES Luncheon for Pastor Penny	6	7	8 Confirmation Class 4-5:30 7 pm Church Council mtg.	9 9 am Open Bible Study at church	10	11
12	13	14 9:30 am WELCA meeting HAPPY Valentine's DAY	15 Love {Like} Jesus	16 Newsletter DEADLINE!	17	18 Bridal Shower for Brytni Drevlow at the Truman Community Building 9-11 am
19 Communion Pastor Carol starts at Trinity Meet & Greet Coffee Social after worship	20 PRESIDENTS DAY	21	22 Ash Wed Confirmation Class 4-5:30 ASH Wednesday 6:30 pm	23 The Journey to the Cross	24	25
26 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	27 QUILTING DAYS-9:00 AM Bring a sack-lunch today	28		Ushers for Feb Tom Kneeland & Mike Wiederhoeft	Comm Servers for February 2/5—Jan R 2/19—Donna K 2/22—Mark D.	Lay Readers for Feb 2/5—Laurie W 2/12—Dave S 2/19—Dan K 2/22—Judy D 2/26—Brenda

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Our sympathy to the Becky Maloney family at the death of Becky's Mother, Fay Williamson who passed away on Monday, November 28. Her funeral was held on Thurs, December 1st at Albion Lutheran church rural St. James

Deepest sympathy to the Cathy Sorenson family at the death of her brother-in-law, Bob Clarke who died on Friday, December 30th in Pierre, SD. His funeral was held on January 4th.



Thank you so much for the cards, memorials and thoughtful notes we received after Becky's mom, Fay Williams, passed away. The kindness meant so much to our family.

Wayne & Becky Maloney

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

CREST is currently in need of more volunteers to help provide non-professional services to those in need in Martin County. Volunteers shop, cook, drive or just check in on many people with long-term health care needs. Even just a few hours a month can make a world of difference. Find out how good it feels to volunteer by calling the CREST office for more information today at 235-3833.

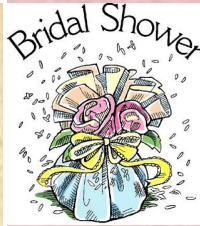


Prayers

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

Rosalie Heckman, Jerry Teig, Linnea Huss, Alan Ratike, Marilyn Anderson, Kent Hyndman, the Cathy Sorenson family and Becky Maloney family.

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



A Come & Go Bridal Shower will be held for Brytni Drevlow on February 18, 2023 at the Truman Community Building from 9-11 am. Brytni will marry Zach Pettersen on March 31, 2023.

She is the daughter of Darrel & Carolyn Drevlow. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

YOUR GIFTS & OFFERINGS to the Christmas and Lenten Designated funds went to:

\$1000—Meals on Wheels in Truman
\$1160—Truman Food Pantry
\$2000—To the ELCA Good Gifts Program-(goats, pigs, Bibles, a cow, gardening and school supplies)

THANK YOU!



**A Meet and Greet Coffee Social
will be held for Pastor Carol Mapa on
Sunday, February 19th
Immediately after her first
Worship service Here at Trinity
Please Join us!**



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Roger Carlson Groundhog Day	3 Emma Wiederhoeft	4 Joyce Jorgenson
	5	6	7	8	9	10 James Hansen
						11 Mark Durkee David Sorenson
12	13 Judy Doble	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16	17	18
19 Transfiguration SUNDAY	20 President's Day	21 Madelyn Mooney	22 Ash Wed Miriah Mosloski	23	24	25
26 Sandy Fisk Lowell Noorlun (80 years)	27 Dean Ehlert	28				



Thank you to all who participated in the GIFT Christmas program and Spaghetti Supper and to all those who helped in any way.





Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

By now most of you know that a pastor will soon be coming to serve you, and I will be leaving you within a couple of weeks.

I have been with you for over two years, something I never expected—nor I think, did you—when I first agreed to be the “fill-in” for the “fill-in” pastor, preaching when necessary on Sundays. Obviously, it turned into a little more than that!

I am so grateful to you for your acceptance of my ministry with you, and of your kind support in many ways.

It has been a joy to be with you, and again I thank you for the opportunity to share the good news of God’s redemptive love in Jesus Christ with you.

Pulpit supply is always an interesting role because it comes with the built-in expectation that the pulpit supply pastor will leave. I like to say “our exit is actually part of our entrance plan”. Our role is always to serve only as long as we are needed, and our role ends as soon as a permanent pastor is called. This means that I will no longer be part of the life of your congregation. I will not attend worship services or special events.

I will not be available to you for special services, unless I am expressly invited to do so by your pastor, and then I will only do what I have been asked to do for that service.

Please understand this is not because I am angry-I have no reason to be, or that I really do not care about you as individuals or a congregation-I do, It is a professional courtesy, and in fact, in my tradition, it is required.

I must not, in any way interfere with the ministry of your pastor. Please do not ask me to do so.

I have no idea what my plans for the next few weeks or months are. I certainly have many projects that need completion around my house and in my “southern mansion”. Spring will bring garden work.

I have a Mississippi River Boat cruise planned for April...and then, wherever God leads.

Please know that you will remain in my prayers as you make decisions that will decide your future. I pray too that you will eagerly accept the ministry of your new pastor, and be as supportive of her as you were to me.

Again thank you for allowing me to share my understanding of the Good News of Christ with you.

A special thank you goes to Brenda who was such a practical help to me, and made my job so much easier.

Pam says “Thank You and Good-Bye Too! Wow!

In Christ’s Service, Pastor Penny



A Farewell Luncheon will be held for Pastor Penny on Sunday, February 5th after the Worship service in the Fellowship hall.

An alternate date of February 12th will be in place in case there is a cancelation.

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February 2023






No one has
ever seen
God;

but if we love
one another,
God lives in us
and his love is
made complete
in us.



1 JOHN 4:12, NIV

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