

The Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear Friends and Family at Trinity,

On December 16, two friends and I were supposed to go to Brookings, SD, for a Home Free concert; we were going to make an overnight of the trip. However as you may recall the weather was

horrific, driving conditions were frightening, and almost every road in SD was either closed due to weather or was under a "no travel advisory". We stayed home.

The incident brought back a happy memory of a time when I was serving in Beresford, SD, and there was a major blizzard. Beresford is just off of the interstate. As road conditions worsened and visibility became less, people began to pull off of the interstate and crowd into the two truck stops. Then the interstate was closed, and people were stranded in-between towns. About 3 o'clock that afternoon I got a phone call from the police asking if we would open our church to stranded motorists; the truck stops were over-flowing. The motel had filled up hours before.

Of course, I said "Sure; our church is always open anyway (*drove insurance agents mad!*) How many do you think we should expect?" The police officer said, "I suppose 6-8". "I'll put on the coffee pots and get out the industrial cookies (Oreos, Fig Newtons, sandwich cookies) we always keep in the kitchen for emergencies" The first two carloads arrived—hunters returning from a week long camping/ hunting trip in Montana. They were soon followed by an elderly couple, then a family with three little girls, then a young mother and a little boy, then...needless to say the numbers continued to grow and the snow continued to come down! It became obvious cookies and coffee were not going to be sufficient so the police officer took me to the grocery store and I cleaned it out of everything I thought could be "stretched" to feed the growing number of guests at the church.

I am always amazed at how God provides. By the time I got back to the church with hamburger, eggs, bread, canned vegetables, and more, a lady from across the street from the church, not a member, just a neighbor,

called to say she had noticed our church was filling up with people and she had 2 pounds of hamburger if we needed it. We needed it. Another neighbor, also not a member, called to say she had just baked a cake and some cookies, could we use them. We could.

I took all of the groceries and the donated food into the kitchen and announced that I had delivered it but they were responsible for using it. One of the stranded women said, "I ran a restaurant for 40 years; I know how to cook for crowds. Do any of you other ladies want to help?" Most did want to help; it was something to do.

In the meantime I continued to haul blankets and pillows from the parsonage, which was literally right next door to the church. I also hauled games and cards, and a tiny portable TV so they could continue to monitor weather. I told them they were welcome to go into the sanctuary and sleep on the pews; they were obviously comfortable; members of the congregation slept in them every Sunday!

About that time a six year boy and his daddy, members of the church who lived about a block away came pulling a sled piled high with bedding. The little boy announced that he had "brung-ed" blankets to help the people stuck in the church.

It happened that the tow truck business in town was owned by church members; as they continued to rescue people from stalled cars on the interstate, they automatically brought them to the church. The guest list continued to grow.

When it got time to settle down for the night, we put the family with the 3 little girls in a Sunday School room and the fragile elderly couple in another. The men turned the long dining room tables on their sides to create small but semi-private sleeping areas for the 54 people now gathered in the church.

As I was getting ready to leave and go back to my house for the night I asked if there was anything else they needed. One of the men jokingly said, "NO I think you have provided well for us...although a country dance band might be nice"...and I swear, I swear this is true, he had no more than gotten the words out of his mouth when....

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COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: Dan Klassen
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Treasurer: N/A
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk
Lay Ministry: Eloise Miller
Worship: Cathy Sorenson
Youth: Teresa Zaharia
Council at Large: Josh Tonkin



Trinity Lutheran
Wed. December 14, 2022
Council Meeting -7:00 pm

Members present: Nikki Smith, Teresa Zaharia, Rhonda Bonk, Eloise Miller, Yvonne Noorlun, Dan Klassen, and Cathy Sorenson

Yvonne called the meeting to order at 7:00. The secretary's report was reviewed and accepted as read

Teresa presented the treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$65,724 in the checking account and \$51,652 in the savings account. Motion carried to accept the report as read. **The council is very grateful to the members who have continued to honor their pledges and to everyone who continues to generously give their offering.**

Pastor's report: Pastor Penny mailed 2 sympathy cards, 7 glad you were here cards and 1 thinking of you card. She made 7 nursing

home visits and gave communion to 2 residents.

BOARD REPORTS:

Lay ministry--The committee mailed out Christmas cards to each member. The GIFT kids received a card and ornament from Trinity.

Church properties--Dan reported for Mark that we are to continue using the parking lot as we always have.

Christian education--There were approximately 37 kids at Gift last week. They all went to Dollar General and bought gifts for the Ronald McDonald house in Sioux Falls.

They will be delivered on December 20. The GIFT Christmas program will be on January 4 at 5:30. A spaghetti supper will follow.

Youth--Several youth went out to eat on Saturday night and then had a fun night bowling.

Worship--The committee will be meeting in early January to make lists for communion servers, lay readers, and ushers. It was decided to use the disposable communion cups on Christmas Eve.

Stewardship--Rhonda presented a very complete report on the fall Pony Express drive. The total amount pledged for 2023 is \$87,075. This is down from last year but we have lost very generous members. The complete report will be printed in the annual report.

OLD BUSINESS--Yvonne gave an update on our search for a new pastor. Eloise made the motion and Dan the second that we buy Christmas gifts for our employed

staff. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS--The budget for 2023 was the main focus of the meeting. Other areas we need to work on are updating our constitution and discussing the suggestions that were put on Luther's door in October.

Teresa made the motion to adjourn and Eloise made the second.

Cathy Sorenson subbing for Kathy Wilkening

**"If you can't fly, run.
If you can't run, walk.
If you can't walk, crawl,
but by all means, keep moving."**

—Martin Luther King Jr.



Treasurer's Summary Report As of November 30, 2022

Checking Account Bal.	\$65,725
Savings Account Bal.	\$51,652
NOVEMBER:	
General Fund Income	\$ 13,251
General Fund Expenses	\$ 9,333
Net long	\$ 3,918
DECEMBER:	
Cash Available	\$ 65,725
Bills to pay	\$10,285
Cash long	\$55,440

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Jan 1—1st Christmas	Galatians 4:4-7	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 2:21-24
Jan 8-Baptism of Jesus	Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Jan 15-2nd Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Cor 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Jan 22-3rd Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Cor 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Jan 29-4th Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8	1 Cor 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

GIFT Kids—BUYING GIFTS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE





WELCA News

The cookie walk did very well this year. The profit was \$2,406.60! Thank you to those who made goodies, a monetary contribution, bought cookies, or worked during the sale.

Much of the profit is used for our benevolent giving. This year donations were made to the Salvation Army, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Hospice, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Social Service, St. Peter Treatment Center, ARC Southwest, Options Pregnancy Center, Steven Ose Ministry, Kids Against Hunger, Heaven's Table, Crest, and Caring Bridge. We also made contributions to the school food shelf, and the Gift program.

If you have not already picked up your WELCA handbook it should be in your mailbox at church.

There are some changes in meeting dates.

Because of the late arrival of the Gather magazine, the Open Bible Study will be the

second Thursday of each month. The WELCA meetings will still be quarterly but will be at 9:30 Tuesdays after morning coffee.

Submitted by Barb Shoen

(Pastor's Letter continued from page 1)

the doors opened and there stood 4 people, dressed in western costumes! They were a country dance band who got stalled trying to get to a wedding reception!'

In the morning the school superintendent, also a member of the church came to tell anyone who wanted or needed a shower that he would open up the showers in the school. The Montana hunters jumped at that!

By noon our guests were gone, leaving behind an unexpected, and unnecessary offering, and a note, "Thank you for saving our lives; we would have died in our cars on the highway last night".

The story always makes me cry. That night, there was room in the inn for weary travelers. There were people willing to help in so many ways. That is the role of the church isn't it...to offer help and hope, to those who are weary and in trouble, and to do so, in the name of the Christ, who came to save us all...

Pastor Penny

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$77,574.29

Hy-Vee-\$133,500.78

Keep those receipts coming!!









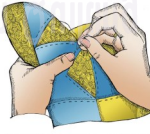
***Make sure the receipts are not getting cut off -- this makes them useless.*

Remember to...

Give Online



February 2023						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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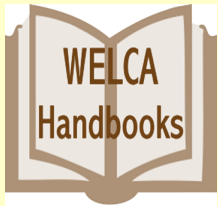
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Communion</u> 10:00 AM Worship Begins 	2  Board Reports Are due today for the Annual Report	3	4 GIFT Christmas Program & Spaghetti Supper 5:30-7:30 pm All are invited!	5	6 	7
8  The Baptism of our Lord 11-2 - 90th B-day Party for Marlene R. in fellowship hall	9	10	11 Confirmation class4-5:30 7 pm Church Council mtg.	12 9 am Open Bible Study at the church	13	14
15  CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING	16  Honoring MLK	17	18	19	20 Newsletter 	21
22 <u>Communion</u> Installation of New Officers & Committee Members	23	24	25 Confirmation class4-5:30	26	27 	28
29	30 9 am Quilting Days 	31 <u>Ushers for January</u> Vern Quade & Jim Hansen	<u>Readers for January</u> 1/1 –volunteer 1/8-Brenda H 1/15-Johnnie or Hastads 1/22-Donna K 1/29-Dan K.	<u>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u> NEW! Worship is Now 10:00 am Live Streaming on FB		<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-800-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-7:00-11:00

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



The Judy Doble & family at the death of her sister, Pamela Simmons who passed away on Dec. 4th in Yankton, SD.

The Joyce Ysker family at the death of her sister, Arlene Darmer who passed away on Dec. 6th at Trimont MN Her funeral was held on Dec. 12 at Zion Lutheran-rural Welcome, Mn.



The 2023 WELCA handbooks are here! They are in your mailbox at the church. If you haven't received one, please contact the church office



An Open House in honor of Marlene (Miller)

Ratike's 90th Birthday

to be held on Sunday, January 8th 2023 from 11—2:00 pm (following the worship service) at Trinity Lutheran Church, Truman. No invitations are being sent. NO Gifts please

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



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your offering envelopes for next year are in your mailboxes at the church. If you would like them mailed to you, or if you would like more or less or did not receive any, please contact the church office.



Dear Trinity Family and Friends.

I would like to thank you as a congregation for the gift certificate for the Good News Bookstore. You know I love books! Thank you too for the beautiful cards with kind words about my ministry with you; they meant a lot as I have enjoyed serving as your pulpit supply pastor, and thank you as well for the many gift cards enclosed in some of the greeting cards. I love to eat even more than I love to read! I am wishing you all a most blessed Happy New Year! Pjr

Thank you Trinity members for the gift certificates to On-Site Massage. I will definitely enjoy them! ~Trinity Office Admin.— Brenda Hansen



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, Brian Nickerson, Kent Hyndman and the Judy Doble and Joyce Ysker families.

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

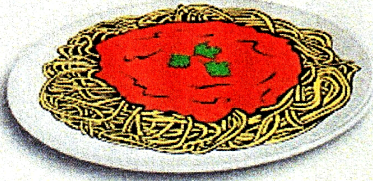
**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**



Welcome
to Our Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Marlene Breitbarth Heather Maloney Ron & Kaela Kelley (8 yrs)	4 Emilee Mosloski Kathy Wilkening	5	6 	7
8 	9	10	11 Austin Maloney Brad Nickerrson Brian Nickerson Gracie Zaharia Johnnie Zaharia	12 Peyton Frazen	13 Kaden Moon	14
15 Caitlyn Carlson	16 Marlene Ratike (90 years) 	17	18	19	20 	21
22 Denise Janssen	23 	24	25 Peyton Brudellie	26 Doug & Vicky Schwanz (49 years) 	27	28 Cordae Moon
29	30	31 Art Stough (86 years)				

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!



2023 SCHEDULE

	Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp	Green Lake Bible Camp	Camp House
Week 1 June 11-15	-	Congregational Bookings	Confirmation Up North
Week 2 June 18-22	Half Blast Andy's Gang Trailblazers Stargazers Community Guides	Pastor's Family Camp	Fishing Camp Up North Congregational Bookings
Week 3 June 25-29	Half Blast Andy's Gang Trailblazers Fishing Camp Stargazers Community Guides	Congregational Bookings	High School Up North Family Camp
Week 4	Fourth of July		
Week 5 July 9-13	Congregational Bookings	Camp Joy (July 10-13)	Congregational Bookings
Week 6 July 16-20	Half Blast Andy's Gang Trailblazers Stargazers Community Guides Onsite Day Camp	Grandchild Camp (July 16-19) Quilt Auction (July 21-22)	Congregational Bookings
Week 7 July 23-27	Half Blast Andy's Gang Trailblazers Stargazers Community Guides	Family Camp	Congregational Bookings
Week 8 July 30-Aug 3	Half Blast Andy's Gang Trailblazers Stargazers Community Guides Onsite Day Camp	Congregational Bookings	Congregational Bookings
Week 9 August 6-10	Congregational Bookings	Congregational Bookings	Congregational Bookings

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Summer Camp Registration opens on December 13, 2022
 - Early Bird Discount (\$50 off each program) ends February 16, 2023
 - Program eligibility is based on grade completed in Spring 2023
 - This schedule is subject to change. The most up-to-date schedule can be found at GLLM.org
- * Open to confirmation-aged students

Grades Program

K-5	Onsite Day Camp
1-4	Half Blast
2-5	Andy's Gang
5-7	Trailblazers
5-7	Fishing Camp
*	Confirmation Up North
7-9	Stargazers
7-9	Fishing Camp Up North
9-12	High School Up North
10-12	Community Guides



HOW TO REGISTER FOR CAMP



Scan for online registration!

Register Online at GLLM.org

- Online registration is the best and most streamlined way for you to register and is highly encouraged. Registration is available online at GLLM.org.
- You can use the same username (email address) and password if you registered online last summer. If you are a new user to this system, create a new account.

Register by Mail

- Complete this paper registration form and mail it to: Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, Attn: Registrar, 9916 Lake Avenue South, Spicer, Minnesota 56288

Program eligibility is based on the grade your camper has completed by the summer of 2023.

Payment Notes

A \$150 deposit is required to complete registration. Exceptions are made for congregational payments, scholarships, etc.

If you would like to set up a payment plan, please contact our Registrar 320-796-2181.

We want camp to be accessible to all. For this reason, we have two levels of pricing as well as scholarships available. See page 7 for more details.

Cancellations

Cancellations received 30 days before the camper's arrival date will receive a refund minus a \$50 administration fee. All other cancellations are non-refundable.

Exceptions may be made due to family emergencies and illness.

DISCOUNTS

Early Bird Discount
\$50 off each registered program through February 16

Sibling Discount
\$20 for a full week
\$10 for Half Blast

IMPORTANT DATES

December 13, 2022
Registration Opens

February 16, 2023
Early Bird Discount Ends

May 22, 2023
Final Camper Payments Due

SCHOLARSHIPS

We want camp to be available to everyone who wants to come! Many churches offer scholarships to help with the cost of camp.

In addition, if you would like to apply for financial assistance through GLLM, please fill out the Scholarship Application. This form can be found in this brochure, at GLLM.org or can be requested by calling camp at 320-796-2181. Once your application is processed, GLLM will send a confirmation email or letter to you.

For an application or to ask any questions, call camp at 320-796-2181.

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The MESSENGER

January 2023

THE LORD HIMSELF GOES BEFORE YOU

AND WILL BE WITH YOU;

HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU.

DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED.

DEUTERONOMY 31:8, NIV

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