

THE MESSENGER

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



Dear Family and Friends at Trinity,

I had a dream. It was not as profound as Martin Luther King's, "I had a dream" nor was it as Biblical as the dreams in which God spoke to heroes and non-heroes

of the faith-Daniel, Old Testament Joseph, New Testament Joseph, or the wise men, or Paul, to name a few. But, it spoke to me!

Considering I was on a boat, rocking and rolling on the open seas, you would think the dream might have been about boats, or boat disasters, pirates, or whales, sea otters, eagles, or porpoises, it wasn't. It actually was set in my farmhouse home of 50+ years ago and featured my mom and my dad. What was particularly unsettling was how vividly and accurately the kitchen in the farmhouse, and the images of my parents were recalled. This was so vivid, I can still recall it nearly two weeks later~

The set up for the dream was simple. I was an adult, working somewhere but I had promised my dad that I would make it home to attend a Ritter family gathering with his brothers and sisters. It was extremely important to my father that I be at that reunion. I had promised I would make it, but, not everything went as planned. I had to work overtime, or thought I did; it happens when someone assumes they are indispensable.

Then I had a few errands that "absolutely" needed to be done but would 'only take a few minutes'. They took a lot of minutes. By the time I got to the farm, it was way past the time I should have been at the Ritter gathering. Just as I was getting ready to phone (remember this was 50+ years ago!) my aunt to see if the party was still going on, my dad and mom walked through the kitchen door. The disappointment and hurt were evident on my father's face, and in his voice. "All I asked of you was two hours out of your life to be

with me at something very important to me and you couldn't even make time for that," The pain in that comment was evident, I offered up all my excuses which sounded very reasonable to me, but made no impact on my dad at all.

When I woke up the imprint of my father's face and voice stayed with me, and raised the question for me. I wonder if that is how God feels when we fail to spend time with Him. I wonder if God is disappointed and hurt when we skip over appointed times to be with Him -Sunday worship. Bible studies, personal and private mediation on Scripture and prayer or helping others in His name. I wonder if all of our excuses, good as they sound to us, ring very hollow to God's ears and heart? I never want to be responsible for inflicting the same kind of hurt and disappointment on my Heavenly Father as I inflicted on my earthly father in that dream. Never!

As I thought about that, a favorite "tongue in cheek" poem came to mind titled "No Time". The author is unknown:

I knelt to pray, but not for long, I had so much to do. Must hurry off and get to work, for bills would soon be due.

And so I said a hurried prayer, jumped up from off my knees; My Christian duty was now done, My soul Could be at ease.

All through the day I had no time, to speak a word of cheer, No time to speak of Christ to friends, They'd laugh at me, I feared.

No time, no time, too much to do-That was my constant cry; No time to give to those in need, At last, 'twas time to die.

And when before the Lord I came, I stood with down-cast eyes. Within His hands He held a book-It was the Book of Life.

God looked into His Book and said, "Your name, I cannot find. I once was going to write it down, but Never found the time".

Blessings

~Pastor Penny~

COUNCIL MINUTES

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President: Yvonne Noorlun
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Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
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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 Church
 Council Meeting 7:00
 Wed.– October 12, 2022**

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Eloise Miller Dan Klassen Rhonda Bonk Cathy Sorenson Nikki Smith Josh Tonkin and Teresa Zaharia

Pastors Report: - Penny Ritter Sent out cards, phone calls and conducted a funeral. A big thanks to God's Work Our Hands day and for everyone who worked on the lawn at my house as well as Robin and Charlie Miller who took out the air conditioner.

The Secretary Report: was accept as read.

The Treasures Report: Teresa Zahari– motion accepted to eliminate Sunday school fund and the money to go into the GIFT fund. Discussion on

where to send the Christmas and Lent funds. Council should bring ideas to the next meeting. Received a check from Profinium Bank for \$308 from the Give Back program.

Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk - November 6-20 Pony Express will begin. This year there will be the option to fill out the form right after church service.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism: Eloise Miller - Ordered Thanksgiving cards and Christmas ornaments to be handed out to the GIFT kids.

Properties: Dan Klassen - Cathy will talk to Brian about grandfathering in the grass and part of the parking lot from the city . The church has been mowing and using some of the city's properties for many years. Mark Durkee talked to Wayne Weiderheoft about plowing the snow off the church sidewalks at the same rates as last year.

Christian Ed: Nikki Smith - The pancake and egg bake meal plus silent auction was great. The total was \$1500 minus the food of \$300. Half of the money for the GIFT playground equipment has been raised at this time. More fund raising needed in the future. Next year the GIFT program might have a full time GIFT leader. A paid position for about 8-10 hours per week. Then maybe the program could meet every week. Please pray about this wonder-

ful possibility.

Youth: Teresa Zaharia - Last month 12 young people met and went out to La Plaza for supper. The youth will carve pumpkins on October 16 for grades 7-12.

Worship: Cathy Sorenson - Reformation Sunday two second graders will receive their Bibles. Dave and Cathy are on the nominating committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Laurie Sherman will be teaching 5 confirmation students this year for \$500 plus materials. Confirmation begins October 26.

Submitted by Secretary, Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of September 30, 2022

Checking Account Bal.	\$54,788
Savings Account Bal.	\$56,009

SEPTEMBER

General Fund Income	\$ 9067
General Fund Expenses	\$ 9969
Net short	\$ -902

SEPTEMBER:

Cash Available	\$ 54,788
Bills to pay	\$ 5225
Cash long	\$ 49,563

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
November 6-All Saints	Dan 9:1-3, 15-18	Eph 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
November 13– Pent (23) (Thankoffering)	Mal 4:1-2a	2 Thess 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
November 20-Christ the King	Jer 23:1-6	Col 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
November 27-1st Advent	Isa 2:1-5	Rom 13:11-14	Matt 24:36-44

Thanksgiving Thoughts

Many years ago I was part of a large extended family. However the individual families within that group lived in very small homes which meant that whenever we all got together for a Sunday dinner or a holiday meal, the meal had to be served smorgasbord style with paper plates and plastic silverware, and everyone simply finding a seat where there was an empty space to plop down-on a chair, a couch, or even a stairs. One year we invited some of the family to our home. As was the custom in the family in which I grew up, I set the table with a tablecloth, napkins, silverware, dishes, and a centerpiece. I will never forget the expression on the faces of the two pre-school girls as they approached the dining room. “Oh look,” said one, “a real Thanksgiving dinner!”

I think of that meal often and I am reminded at how important traditions really are for families and for children.

But more than that it always makes me ask. “What is a REAL Thanksgiving?” and the answer of course is found in Scripture. “O give thanks to the Lord, for He is GOOD” and His MERCY endures forever” (Ps. 107:3)

Thanks be to God for His INDESCRIBABLE GIFT (Jesus).(II Cor. 9:15) “Our Lord, we are thankful....for WHAT YOU HAVE DONE...and for YOUR MIGHTY DEEDS” (Is. 12:4) “Give thanks for EVERYTHING to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 5:20). “Give thanks to the Lord for He is GOOD, and His FAITHFUL LOVE endures forever” (I Chron. 16:34). “We give thanks to You, Lord God Almighty, the One WHO IS AND ALWAYS WAS for now You have assumed your GREAT POWER AND REIGN”. (Rev. 11:12)

Pretty dishes set on a tablecloth, turkey and pumpkin pie may feel like a ‘real Thanksgiving’ but those are only the background scenery. A “real Thanksgiving” is heartfelt gratitude and praises sung to God, for all He has done and continues to do for us, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



FYI-in the Old Testament the instruction to give thanks



WELCA News



It is time to "Count Your Blessings".

I know we think more about being thankful at this time of year. One way to show your thankfulness is to participate in our annual Thankoffering service. There will be envelopes in which to put a monetary gift which is sent to WELCA headquarters to help in work with women. If you do not get an envelope you may use your own envelope or just put a check or some cash in the offering basket.

The other way to participate is to bring items for the food shelf. This year the items may go to the school to help needy people here in Truman. The Thankoffering will be Sunday, November 13.

I want to thank you for the personal kits that have been donated. They will be brought to the World Relief warehouse in the cities.

The date for the November WELCA meeting has been changed to Tuesday, November 15 at 9:30 after coffee.. Even though you do not usually come to Tuesday morning coffee, feel free to come early that day and enjoy it before our meeting.

After not having the cookie walk for two years, we are planning on having one December 3. Be thinking about what kind of cookies or candy or treats you might make.

Barb Shoen



The Trinity Youth Group carved pumpkins - Oct. 16th



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$77,574.29

Hy-Vee-\$121,296.91

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

NOVEMBER 2022

December 2022						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE Worship Service at 10:30 am ~streaming live on FB~	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	1	2 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30	3 9 am Open Bible Study	4	5 
6 Communion All Saints Sunday  ALL SAINTS' DAY Stewardship Sunday	7	8 Trinity Youth Hosts  Election night Soup Supper 5:30-7:00 pm Free will offering	9 7 pm Church Council mtg. Confirmation 4-5:30	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED	12
13 WOMEN Of the ELCA  THANKOFFERING	14	15 9:30 am WELCA mtg.	16	17	18  Newsletter Deadline	19
20 Communion  CHRIST the King SUNDAY Stewardship drive ends	21	22	23 THANKS Giving Eve WORSHIP 6:30 pm	24  Happy THANKS GIVING	25	26
27 1st Advent  FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	28	29	30 Confirmation 4-5:30	Nov. Ushers Rick Davis And Mike Wiederhoeft	Lay Readers 11/6-Laurie W 11/13-Judy D. 11/20-Dan K. 11/27-Dave S.	Coming up on Dec. 3rd  Trinity Cookie Walk 8-10 AM

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



United in Marriage

Congratulations to Thomas Kotewa and his bride, Mariah Brodie who were united in marriage on September 29, 2022 in Carthage IL. Their new address is: 680 Freesway Drive, Robins, IA 52328. Thomas is the son of Sam & Donna Kotewa.



Norm & Marilyn Anderson have moved to Goldfinch as of October 24. Their new address is:

Norm & Marilyn Anderson
850 Goldfinch St. Apt. #122
Fairmont, MN 56131



Needed are: granola bars, crackers, goldfish crackers, cereal, peanut butter/jelly, popcorn, juice, juice boxes, cake mixes, frosting, baby food, easy mac,

ramen, Deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, bodywash, toothbrushes, feminine products, notebooks, pencils, pens, folders, binders, glue sticks, crayons/colored pencils and markers all to be collected at the church.



The 2nd Harvest Program needs 1 or 2 people to meet the truck on the 2nd Thursday of the month. You would

ONLY have to meet the truck 2 or 3 times a year. (approximately 1/2 hour per time).

This is an easy way to be of service to Trinity. Please contact Dave or Cathy Sorenson if you can help.



I would like to extend a most sincere "Thank You" to the crew that arrived in my yard on Oct. 9th to help with the garden and yard work which my doctor has forbidden me to do this fall. Thanks to David who returned Sunday afternoon to trim the boulevard tree as well and thanks to Charlie & Robin Miller for helping with the A/C. Your help means a great deal to me. My back is getting better, and I am trying to be a good patient. Again thank you for the work and for your prayers.

~Pastor Penny



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, Linnea Huss, Jerry Teig, Marilyn Anderson, Alan Ratike and Brian Nickerson

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



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

		1 Gabby Greier	2	3	4 Ross Ringeisen	5 Amber Nickerson Vern Quade
6 All Saints 	7 Dan Klassen Wayne Maloney Sue Michalke	8	9	10 Jake Ebert Doug Schwanz	11  PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS	12
13	14 Nicole Ebert	15	16	17 Cathy Sorenson Ove & Deb Oren (49 years)	18	19
20  CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	21	22 Dale & Cindy Wiederhoeft (47 years)	23	24 Josh Tonkin THANKS Giving Day 	25	26 Reese Ebert
27 ADVENT  BEGINS	28	29 Karen Kneeland	30 Robin Miller			

God's work.
Our hands.



Thanks to those who participated!



ELECTION NITE SOUP SUPPER



**ELECTION NITE SOUP SUPPER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
5:30-7:00 PM**



The Trinity Youth Group is hosting a Soup Supper which includes Chili & Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, plus peanut butter or egg salad sandwiches, and a beverage are included

Free will offering

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Soup Supper
5:30-7:00 pm
Free will offering



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