



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Dear Trinity Family,

The season of Advent, is full of stories of waiting and anticipating the coming of Jesus. These days it is easy to fast forward into Christmas and miss the beauty of the season Advent. In the midst of the rush, the glitz, and to do list....

The season of Advent is full of surprises, of God calling and using God's people (and often times unlikely people) bringing and bearing witness to the kingdom of God in the world. During the season of Advent, we will be looking at the cast of characters in the early part of the Christmas story...

We will hear stories...

Of HOPE - Hope that comes from unexpected events like the Angel Gabriel announcing that couple of advanced age was going to give birth to a son. We will meet Zechariah and Elizabeth as they trust in hope of promise even in unexpected times or events.

Of PEACE - Peace in the midst of uncertainty, like when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she... a virgin was going to give birth to a son... the Christ child. We look at the peace that passes understanding as Mary find out her role in the story.

Of JOY - Joy of the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaping for joy at the arrival and announcement that Mary shares with Elizabeth.

Of LOVE - Love the God has for all the characters in the Christmas story. As the Angel Gabriel assures Joseph of his role in the story. One that Joseph is loved by God and called by God to love Mary and be an earthly father of Jesus.

Along with other characters in the story there are the shepherds, the innkeeper, the animals in the manger, the wisemen. There are other character in this story — YOU! You are part of the Christmas story today. As you prepare this advent season for the coming of the Christ child... I invite you to take time to pay attention to the things you hope for and hope in. Pay attention to things that bring you peace and join in prayer with those who long for peace. Look for and give thanks to God for moments of joy in your life and look for places you can bring joy to others. Finally, pay attention to those you love and those that love you and how you can share love with the world.

I hope that this Advent and Christmas season are full of blessings for you and your family. AND that you will share those blessings with others.

Remember we are blessed to be a blessing.

Pastor Krista



TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Grant Hartman
Vice President: Heather Tonkin
Secretary: Cathy Sorenson
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Duane Heckman
Stewardship: Arlene Peterson
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille
Worship: Jan Ringeisen
Youth: Teresa Zaharia
Pastor Krista

Trinity Lutheran Church November 13, 2019

Present: Teresa Zaharia, Nikki Smith, Grant Hartman, Heather Tonkin, Dallas Wegner, Duane Heckman, Arlene Peterson, Jan Ringeisen, Laurie Wille, Pastor Krista, Cathy Sorenson

President Grant called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was accepted as read. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. There is \$1919 in the checking account and \$75,615 in the savings' account. We had a net loss of \$1532 for the month of October.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship--Arlene reported that the Pony Express packets are moving well and the campaign hopes to be completed by Sunday.

Lay ministry--The three baptisms went well. The committee stays busy sending out cards to the congregation.

Christian education--The Christmas program will be on December 18. The program is at 5:30 and a light supper will be served after it. The kids

were bussed to the nursing home on October 30. They sang and handed out candy to the residents. We are very grateful to Ron Lenz for providing the bus. The number of students attending GIFT remains around 40.

Youth-- Because the football team was in the playoffs, they did not go to Northern Frights.

The election supper was well attended. The youth will be doing a mission trip to the Twin Cities next July 26-31. At least 13 students are interested in going.

Church properties--Two bids were received on replacing the shingles. There was also discussion about the flat roof on the entry. Information will be presented to the congregation on November 17.

Pastor Krista--She will be attending the Confirmation Retreat in Willmar on November 23-24. Nine students attended the Agape concert and had a good time.

OLD BUSINESS--

Teresa made the motion and Nikki the second that we purchase 3 TV screens for the sanctuary. Motion carried.

Ryan Parish was with us and explained how the screens could be mounted and the equipment needed.

NEW BUSINESS--

It was decided that we donate \$200 to the Fire Department.

Motion granted that we allow Judi Davis to use the fellowship hall for a graduation reception on May 22, 2020.

Motion carried that we release Natalie, Addison and Tyler Splinter to Grace Lutheran in Fairmont.

Motion carried that we release Brooke Morris to Faith Lutheran in Madelia.

Motion carried that we accept Mike Heckman for membership. Welcome, Mike!

Cathy Sorenson
secretary



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

**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 and website.

Sign up in the office for Text Alert! for your cell phone.

You may also sign up for a phone call; just fill out the sheet on the table in the church hallway for your preferences and send to the office.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations.

We need to continue to apply to Thrivent for funding for our Church projects. Contact Yvonne Noorlun and she will gladly help you with the application process!

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Calendar year	THEME	BIBLICAL TEXT
December 1-1st Advent	<i>Rising Light</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6 Luke 1:68, 74-79
December 8-2nd Advent	<i>Reflected Light</i>	Zechariah 9:14-17 Matt. 5:13-16
December 15-3rd Advent	<i>Healing Light</i>	Malachi 4:1-6 John 5:30-36
December 22-4th Advent	<i>Eternal Light</i>	Daniel 12:1-3 Matt. 13:36-43
December 29-1 Christmas	<i>Lessons & Carols</i>	

DECEMBER LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY GIFT SCHOOL— Every Wednesday from 2 until 5:30 pm. (during Sept-May)

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

December 1, 8 & 24th

COMMUNION SERVERS:

12/1— Ross Ringeisen
12/8—Margaret Durkee
12/24—Yvonne Noorlun and Clayton Duncanson

LAY READERS:

12/1—Dave Sorenson
12/8—Laurie Wille
12/15—Keegan Hastad or Johnnie Zaharia
12/24—Clayton Duncanson
12/29—Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER USHERS:

*Jeff Maloney, LeAnn Maloney, Doug Schwanz

Special dates

- First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019
- Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2019
- Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2019
- First day of winter, December 21, 2019
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2019
- Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019
- Christmas Day, December 25, 2019
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, December 31, 2019

GIFT Church School
Wed, December 18th—5:30 PM
Everyone is welcome to attend!





WELCA NEWS

Remember the cookie walk is Saturday, December 7. Cathy Sorenson took care of the letters asking people to contribute



goodies or money to this project. The profit will be used for our benevolence budget of about \$1,500

which is mostly given locally. The remainder of the funds will be given to the roof fund. Coffee, apple cider, and goodies are served, too, so come for a time of fellowship after you have made your purchases!

It was decided at our November meeting to discontinue our card project. This is because of lack of funds coming in. It was also thought that there will be more competition with Dollar General opening in town. We will use the rest of the card stock and envelopes on hand, but not order anymore.

Our Thankoffering service was held November 10. We want to thank the younger gals who served as ushers that day. The Thankoffering was about \$370. There was a nicer amount of items collected for Heaven's Table. Greta Lintelman came and picked it up the next morning.

We have a pattern for making bags to put on walkers or wheel chairs that could be

brought to the Synod Convention in May. However, we decided to make some and give to the residents in town at Heartland Senior Living.

Connie volunteered to buy small Christmas gifts to give our shut-ins and those members over 90 years.



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Summary Report
October 31, 2019**

Checking Account Balance	\$ 1,919
Savings Account Balance	\$ 75,615
Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ 112
October:	
General Fund Income	\$ 6,636
General Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 8,168</u>
Net Loss	(\$1,532)
November:	
Cash available	\$ 1,919
Bills to pay	<u>\$ 8,573</u>
Cash Short	(\$6,654)
Savings Account:	
Building Funds	\$ 8,017
Building Fund Interest	\$ 161
Roof Fund	\$ 45,714
Lent	\$ 1,244
Christmas Offering	\$ 1,028
Thanksgiving	\$ 101
Sunday School	\$ 675
Camper Scholarships	\$ 1,133
Mission/Ministries	\$ 1,975
General Fund	<u>\$ 15,567</u>
Total	\$ 75,615
Office Admin's list of payables	\$7,973
Estimate mileage & Cell phone for Madelia	<u>\$ 600</u>
	\$ 8,573



December

January 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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

1 <u>Communion</u> 	2 Martha Circle (eat out)	3	4 GIFT School 2 -5:30 pm	5 NO Open Bible Study in December	6	7 
8 <u>Communion</u>  Congregation mtg. after worship	9	10	11 GIFT School 2 -5:30 pm 7:30 Church Council mtg.	12  Don't forget to donate To the Mitten Tree	13	14
15  Conf-U at (T) 12:15-3 pm	16 	17	18  GIFT Christmas Program at 5:30 PM supper afterwards	19	20	21 
22 	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</i> 5 PM  W/Communion	25 NO GIFT School Christmas Day 	26	27	28
29 Lessons & Carols  Peace & Goodwill to All	30  9 am Messenger assembly	31		Worship Schedule SUNDAY Worship 10:30 AM GIFT SCHOOL Wednesday's 2-5:30 PM	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-7:00-11:00	<u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u> Tuesday: 9:00-1:00 pm Friday: 9:00-1:00 pm

NEWS

From Our Parish

Order your poinsettia's

Now is the time to purchase a poinsettia plant to make Trinity beautiful during the Advent/Christmas season. Find the red sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. The deadline is December 1st.



STEP Inc. of Fairmont is again collecting your old Christmas lights.

Just drop off your items in the green receptacle bin at the entrance of the church. They do NOT accept cord adaptors, battery packs, plastic rope lights or CFL lights.

Faith Lutheran Church & Madelia American Legion will be having **PASTA NIGHT**. Every Monday night beginning December 2nd thru January (except Dec. 30th). from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Madelia American Legion. Serving 2 pastas, 2 sauces, meatballs, chicken, salad, a breadstick & dessert. Adults-\$11, Kids 6-12-\$6, and Kids 5 & under eat FREE.

Please join us for an afternoon of Fun at our Holiday make-and-take Spruce Pot Event. **When:** Sunday, December 8 at 2 PM, **Where:** Zaharia Family Funeral Home in Truman. **COST:** \$40 (payable to Gartzke Floral). Please RSVP by Friday, Nov. 29 @776-4375 space is limited –Respond early.



Prayers

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

Vi Benoy and Ardene Miller

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



The GIFT Christmas program with a supper will be held on December 18th at 5:30 pm

Come see what the children have been working on during our time together!

The supper will be immediately after the program



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway-\$17,450.47

Hy-Vee-\$125,302.75

Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count

***Please don't cut off the receipts--the amounts are getting cut off and making them useless.*

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/1- Kent & Chris Hyndman (46 yrs)
 12/1-Ryan & Julie Bruderie (18 yrs)
 12/2-Wayne & Becky Maloney (47 yrs)
 12/2-Larry & Amy Mohwinkel (30 yrs)

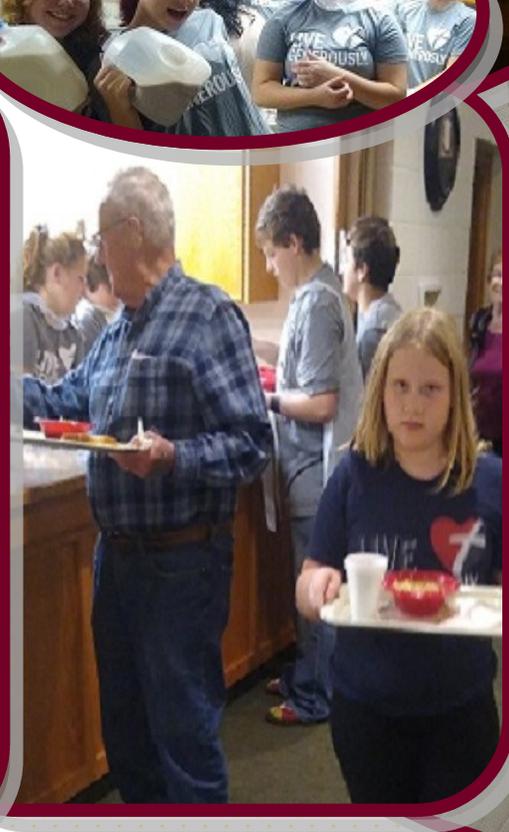


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Jonah Carlson Jordan Carlson	2 Keegan Hastad John Zaharia	3 Arlene Wegner	4	5 Oakley Selnes	6 	7 Marilyn Anderson
8 Geri Peterson (84)	9	10 Cheryl Culbertson Kaela Kelley	11 	12 Denny Jahnz	13	14 Doris Fedder (82)
15	16 Lori Anderson Rosalie Heckman (80)	17 Ella Fadness	18	19	20	21 Becky Maloney 
22 	23	24 	25	26	27 Norman Anderson (80) Bev Gulbranson (87)	28
29	30 Heidi Selnes Laurie Wille	31 Mike Wiederhoeft				



THANK YOU!

TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE ELECTION DAY SOUP SUPPER





24th Annual

Cookie Walk

at

*Trinity Lutheran Church
Truman, Minnesota*

Saturday, December 7

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.**



THE MESSENGER

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December 2019

God's Blessings to:



Christmas Eve
Communion Worship
5:00 pm

"More light than we can learn, more wealth than we can treasure, more love than we can earn, more peace than we can measure, because one Child is born."

—Author unknown



TRINITY WORSHIP-10:30 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL- Wednesday's
(2 pm after school until 5:30 pm. 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, & 1-4 pm
Friday-7:00-11:00 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~