



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Dear Trinity Family,

This came across my Facebook feed and prompted me to think. I thought I would share it with you for your reflection.

Church is hard.

*Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.
Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.
Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.
Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.
Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.
Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.
Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.
Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.
Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.
Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.
Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.
Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.
Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.
Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.
Church is hard for the sinners.
Church is hard for me.
It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress.
However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.
But, here is the beauty of church—
Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.*

Church is a body.

*Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.
Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.
Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.
Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.
Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.
Church is a lesson in faith and trust.
Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.
Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.
Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where God resides, and if we ask, God is faithful to come.
So even on the hard days at church—
The days when I am at odds with a friend, When I've fought with my husband because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.
I'll remember, God has never failed to meet me there.
—Written by Arianna Freelen.*

I pray that we as a congregation acknowledge the hard part of church and be willing to do our parts to make church less hard for the stranger and one another. I pray that the we and the stranger experience the beauty of the church... And most of all remember God meets each of us where we are... God loves each of us where we are.... AND loves us so much that God doesn't let us stay where we are but calls us into deeper relationship with God and the world.

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 January 9, 2019

Present: Grant and Britta Hartman, Clayton Duncanson, Duane Heckman, Laurie Wille, Nikki Smith, Yvonne Noorlun, Heather Tonkin, Pastor Krista, Dave and Cathy Sorenson

Yvonne called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was accepted as read. The treasurer's report was presented by Clayton. There is \$11,835 in the checking account and \$41,498 in the savings account.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship--Comments were read that were returned on the attendance survey. More personal contact with congregational members and weekly tasks for teens were discussed.

Lay Ministry--The baptism for Madelyn Mooney went well. New members will be welcomed in February.

Church Properties--A new water softener was installed at a cost of \$1575. There is an issue with the sewer pipe and it needs to be cleaned out.

Christian Education--There is an average of 30 children attending GIFT on Wednesday afternoons. The group will be singing on January 20.

Youth--Nothing new to report
Worship--Subbing for Barb was discussed. Hopefully Kim Breamer and Tanner Mammenga will be able to help us out.

Pastor Krista--Trinity will be hosting Hope for Heartland on February 2. The Equipping Congregations gathering will meet in Willmar on February 23. Bulletins and a projector/TV screen were discussed. Ash Wednesday will be March 6.

Four musicians will be here on March 24 to lead worship. Laurie volunteered to lead the service on January 27 since Pastor will be at Madelia's annual meeting.

Old business:

- A new AED has been purchased for the school. The \$500 from the tailgating meal and \$500 from Lenten designated funds will pay for it.
- A new stand and 2 candle lighters have been ordered. This will be paid for from Joan Williamson memorial money. Thank you, Williamson family.

New business:

- Britta made the motion and

Dave the second to accept Don and Sandy Meyer as new members. Motion carried.

There was discussion about our agreement with Trinity Madelia and how we can achieve a solid financial future.

Cathy Sorenson
secretary



Inclement
Weather
Policy

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 website. Or sign up at the office for Text Alert! for your cell phone.

You may also sign up in the office for a phone call, or fill out the sheet on page 3 in this issue.



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WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

| DATE/Calendar year | THEME | GOSPEL |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|
| Feb 3rd-Epiphany (4) | <i>Why Jesus? Because Jesus knows your heart</i> | Matthew 6:7-21 |
| Feb 10-Epiphany (5) | <i>Why Jesus? Because Jesus loves both saint and sinner</i> | Matt 7:1-14, 24-29 |
| Feb 17-Epiphany (6) | <i>Why Jesus? Because Jesus sees the possibilities</i> | Matthew 13:24-43 |
| Feb 24- Epiphany (7) | <i>Why Jesus? Because Jesus is trustworthy</i> | Matthew 14:13-33 |

FEBRUARY LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 8:45 AM

GIFT CHURCH SCHOOL: Wednesdays at 2 pm until 5:30 pm

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

February 3 and 10

COMMUNION SERVERS:

2/3-Jerry Teig

2/10-Clayton Duncanson

**Installation
of new
Leadership
on
February 3rd**

LAY READERS:

2/3-LeAnn Maloney

2/10-Dean Gulbranson

2/17-Johnnie Zaharia

2/24-Clayton Duncanson

ACOLYTES:

2/3-Carter Brudelic

2/10-Peyton Franzen

2/17-Carter Brudelic

2/24-Jonah Carlson

FEBRUARY USHERS:

*Ross Ringeisen, Rick Davis, Darrel Drevlow, and Grant Hartman

Special Dates:

- African-American History Month
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2019
- Presidents Day, February 18, 2019



Update your contact information form

Please update your contact information for a phone tree that is being developed.

The phone tree would be used to contact members of church service cancellation in bad weather, or another important announcement, if needed.

Fill out this form and return to the church office. Respond by calling the church office at: 507-776-4781.

Emailing the office at:

trinitytruman@frontier.com

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Trinity Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 38

Truman, MN 56088

Name: _____

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___ I would prefer a call.

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___ I would prefer an email.

Email address: _____

___ I do not want to be contacted by the phone tree.

___ I would like a phone call, but not to have to make a call to someone else.

Please do not leave your home on a wintery day without checking for potential cancellations.



WELCA NEWS

Do you need greeting cards? Be sure to check out the supply of recycled cards at church. The cards are only fifty cents.



Valentine's Day is coming soon. If you have a prayer child, don't forget to give him or her a card! They appreciate knowing that you are thinking of them.

You should have picked up the new WELCA handbook by now. Be sure to check your phone number to make sure it is correct. If not, please let Brenda or Barb Shoen know your correct number.

| BINGO | | | | |
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| 7 | 22 | 34 | 48 | 72 |

Remember if there is a fifth Wednesday in the month, Trinity has Bingo at the Truman Retirement home.

We will be working on mission quilts the last Monday and Tuesday in January, February, and March. All are welcome to come and help. Contributions of fabric, sheets, and blankets are very much appreciated.



QUILTERS

Our next WELCA meeting will be Monday, February 18.

Love and laughter go
hand in hand!



Share these jokes with your beloved on February 14 — or whenever some humor can brighten a day!

Q: What valentine did the French chef give his wife?

A: A hug and a quiche

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A: "I find you very attractive."

Q: What did the pencil say to the paper?

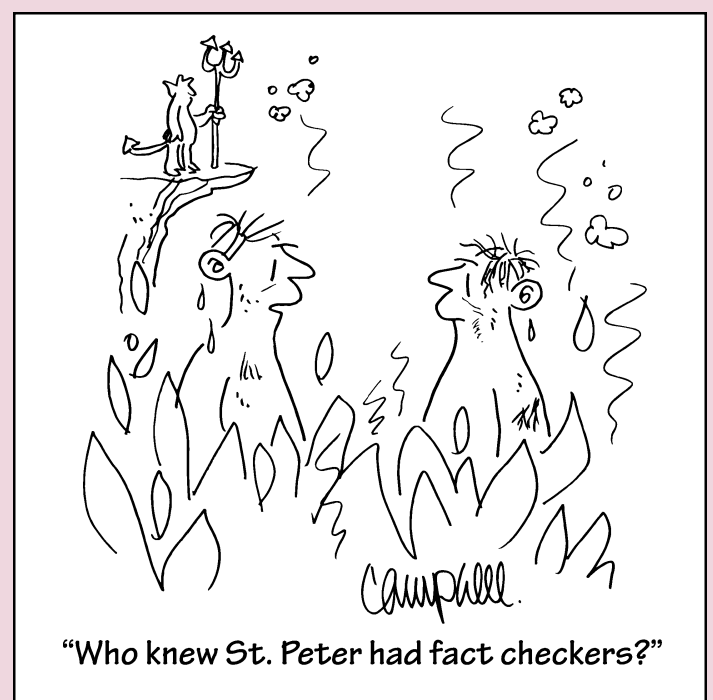
A: "I dot my i's on you!"

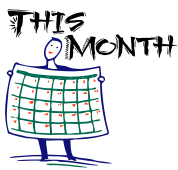
Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

A: He gave her a ring.

Q: What do you call a very small valentine?

A: A valentiny





February

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| <p><u>Worship Schedule</u></p> <p>Worship 8:45 AM</p> <p>Church School On Wednesday's 2:00-5:30 pm</p> | <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00</p> | <p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Tuesday: 9:00-1:00 pm Friday: 9:00-1:00 pm</p> | | <p>GOD LOVE</p> | 1 | <p>2 <i>Ground hog day</i></p> <p>Funeral for Barb Mager 10 am</p> |
| <p>3 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>Installation of new leadership</p> | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| <p>10 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>12:15-3 pm Conf U at Madelia</p> | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | | | <p>2-5:30 Gift School</p> <p>7:30 Church Council mtg</p> | | <p>NewsLetter DEADLINE</p> <p>Pat Jones</p> | <p>Scrapbooking</p> |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | <p>1:30 WELCA meeting Joann K. Serves</p> | | <p>2-5:30 Gift School</p> | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | |
| | <p>9 am <i>Quilting Days</i></p> | | <p>9 am Messenger assembly</p> <p>2-5:30 Gift School</p> | | | |

NEWS

From Our Parish



Congratulations to Philip & Nicole Mooney on their daughters baptism. Madelyn Marie Mooney was baptized on January 6th, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran. Her sponsors are Michael & Taryn Edens and Jerome & Christina Haycraft. Madelyn was born on February 21, 2018 in Mankato, MN. Her grandparents are Rhonda & Michael Bonk (Trinity members) and Karen & David Edens of Rochester, MN.



Deepest sympathy to Cindy Wiederhoeft and her family on the death of her mother, Phyllis Mosher, who passed away on Sunday, January 20th at Ecumen Pathstone Living in Mankato, MN.

Our hearts are mourning at the death of Barb Mager who passed away on January 22, 2019. Our condolences go to out to her daughter, Gena and her family and all who loved her. Her funeral was held on February 2nd at Trinity Lutheran. Inurnment was at Ridgelawn Memorial Park.

Our sincere sympathy to Kathy Wilkening and her family on the death of her father, Eugene Roloff who passed away on January 24, 2019. His funeral was held on January 29 at Lakeville Funeral in Fairmont.



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

Prayers Donna Fisk and the families of Barb Mager, Cindy Wiederhoeft and Kathy Wilkening. *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

TRINITY'S NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2019

President: **Grant Hartman**
Vice-President: **Heather Tonkin**
Secretary: **Cathy Sorenson**
Treasurer: **Clayton Duncanson**

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

Christian Ed: *Nikki Smith, Kim Hastad and **Allison Klassen**

Lay Ministry: *Laurie Wille, Tammy Selnes, Lori Anderson, and **LeAnn Maloney**

Worship: Brenda Hansen, Pam Rode and ***Jan Ringeisen**

Youth: Teresa Davis, Mindy Cook, *Teresa Zaharia and **Julie Brudelic**

Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk, Mike Wiederhoeft and ***Arlene Peterson**

Church Properties: Ross Ringeisen, *Duane Heckman and **Dallas Wegner**

(denotes council representative)*



Anyone wishing to have a pastoral visit should contact the church office, Yvonne Noorlun or Pastor Krista



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway-\$145,459.73

Hy-Vee-\$82,771.29

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



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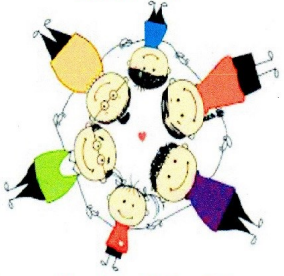
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|  | | |  | | 1 | 2  Roger Carlson |
| 3 Emma Wiederhoeft | 4 Joyce Jorgenson | 5 | 6 | 7 Amanda Babinski Patrick Wiederhoeft | 8 | 9 Hailey Olson |
| 10 Jim Hansen | 11 Mark Durkee David Sorenson | 12 Abby Butler | 13 | 14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!  | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18  Presidents Day | 19 | 20 | 21 Madelyn Mooney | 22 Miriah Mosloski | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Sandy Fisk Lowell Noorlun | 27 Dean Ehlert | 28 Bryce Hansen |  | |

GIFT



Growing in Faith Together



Reading



Homework Help

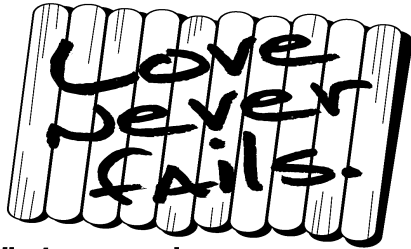


Games



A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.

+Christian Symbol+

Chi Rho

"Chi" and "rho" are the first two letters in the Greek spelling for Christ (XPICTOC, pronounced "Christos"). The blending of these two letters into one symbol formed a "sacred monogram." Early Christians created many such symbols as codes to indicate their discipleship while avoiding detection by Roman persecutors. Many variations of the Chi Rho symbol exist, incorporating a cross, a shepherd's crook, the Greek letters alpha and omega, an anchor and other images.'



WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

Bible Quiz

In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and "fish for people" (NIV), which disciple is not named?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Simon
- D. Andrew



Answer: D (See Luke 5:1-11.)



THE MESSENGER

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February 2019

God's Blessings to:

“Love is like a tennis match; you’ll never win consistently until you learn to serve well.”

—Dan P. Herod



Welcome
Worship with us

TRINITY WORSHIP—8:45 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 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~