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

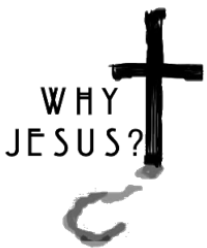


Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

2019 is right around the corner (or is here). I hope as you enter the New Year you are entering it with a sense of hope and possibility. We have celebrated the birth of the Christ child... God in the flesh... who opened the eyes of many to the possibilities and the vastness of the Love that God has for us.

I want to highlight a few things that I am looking forward to in 2019 and invite you into joining in the hope and possibility of the new year and who God is calling us to be as workers in the kingdom WITH God.

Sermon Series for Epiphany - Why Jesus? Join us on Sunday morning and Wednesdays as we work through the Gospel of Matthew answering the question Why Jesus? Join us as we gather to discover not just Who is Jesus? But Why Jesus? We know and proclaim that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.



But how does this impact our daily living. Join us as we hear stories from real people as they answer the question Why Jesus?

As we encounter scripture and think about how we answer the question Why Jesus?

GIFT programming - our Growing In Faith Together programming is joining young people and adults to weekly interactions around scripture and relationships with each other. In Truman over 30 kids join us each week from 2-5:30, thanks to dedicated volunteers, snack providers, and those who organize it. This is an

energetic time of learning about God and building relationships with each other. In Madelia, families of all ages gather around tables for a free Wednesday night meal at 5:45 and then worship together from 6:16-7:00. During worship we hear the story, participate activities to enhance the Biblical lesson, and share in Holy Communion. I invite you to join us in the new year.... As we grow in relationship with God and each other.

Hope In the Heartland - Feb. 2nd Trinity in Truman will be one of the host sites for the Hope in the Heartland Event. Join with theological leaders in discussion finding the hope and opportunities in ministry in rural America. We will join with 8 other synods at 21 local gathering sites who engage in discussion around the challenges of small congregations that are facing ... AND work together to imagine a future of that is not of gloom and doom but one of hope for small congregations. Registration is \$50 per congregation for as many as want to attend and \$10/person for snacks and lunch. **IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH SNACKS AND LUNCH PLEASE LET Pastor Krista know ASAP!**



Equipping Congregations Day - Feb. 23rd in Wilmar. Join other members of congregations in our synod for a day of worship, workshops and fellowship. I am especially looking forward to the keynote by Benjamin S. Winchester titled **Rewriting the Rural Narrative**. So often rural congregations can get stuck in focusing on what we need to do to keep our doors open and forget the business (Continued on page 4)



TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: Grant Hartman
Secretary: Cathy Sorenson
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Duane Heckman
Stewardship: Dave Sorenson
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille
Worship: Barb Mager
Youth: Britta Hartman
Pastor Krista

Trinity Lutheran Church December 12, 2018

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

Yvonne called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was accepted as read. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. There is \$7258 in the checking account and \$41,498 in the savings account. It was great to have a month in the black!

BOARD REPORTS:

Lay ministry--Appreciation to Rosalie Heckman for sending out so many cards. She is going off the board. Potential new members were also discussed.

Church properties--We are in need of a new water softener. Duane is working on this. It was decided to buy one if the cost is \$2000 or less.

Christian education--37 kids were at GIFT today. They are practicing for the church service on December 16.

Youth--Nothing new to report

Worship-- Christmas candlelight service is 5:00 PM. The adult choir will be singing on December 23.

Stewardship--Dave handed out the results of the Time and Talent Survey. He also shared the stewardship report for 2018. Out of 107 families contacted either through the Pony Express or by mail, only 59 families pledged and 48 families chose not to pledge. The average pledge of the 59 families who responded is \$1418.

Pastor Krista--She will need to have someone cover for her so she can attend both annual meetings. Because our microphones have died, two new wireless microphones were purchased as well as a new headset for Pastor Krista. Marvin Ratike memorial money and profits from the Cookie Walk will pay for these new additions. The synod asked that Trinity host a Hope for the Heartland gathering on February 2.

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was decided that we donate \$100 to the fire department.
- If church needs to be cancelled, Brenda is working on ways to communicate with members.

- On January 6, Philip and Nikki Mooney's baby will be baptized. Boards were encouraged to get their annual reports into Brenda by the end of the year.

Considerable time was spent on the budget for 2019.

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.



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 WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS		
DATE/Calendar year	THEME	GOSPEL
January 6-Epiphany	<i>Why Jesus? Because Jesus is...</i>	Matthew 2:1-23
January 13-Baptism of our Lord	<i>Why Jesus? Because Jesus is relationship</i>	Matthew 3:1-17
Jan 20-2nd Epiphany	<i>Why Jesus? Because Jesus is light</i>	Matthew 4:1-17
Jan 27-3rd Epiphany	<i>Why Jesus? Because Jesus is blessing</i>	Matthew 5:1-20

JANUARY LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 8:45 AM

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

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

January 6 and 13

COMMUNION SERVERS:

1/6-Dave Sorenson

1/13-Margaret Durkee



LAY READERS:

1/6-Mike Taylor

1/13-Brenda Hansen

1/20 Tammy Wokasch

1/27-Donna Kotewa

ACOLYTES:

1/6-Jordan Carlson

1/13-Peyton Franzen

1/20-Jonah Carlson

1/27-Jordan Carlson

JANUARY USHERS:

*David Baarson, Vern Quade, Mike Wiederhoeft and Jim Hansen

Special Dates:

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2019
- Epiphany, January 6, 2019
- Baptism of the Lord, January 13, 2019
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan 18-25
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21, 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

Or mailing in an envelope to:

Trinity Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 38
Truman, MN 56088

Name: _____

phone (home) _____

(cell) _____

I would prefer a call.

I would prefer a text.

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

If you have not already picked up your WELCA handbook for 2019, it should be in your church mailbox. Please check to see if your telephone number (or numbers) in the back of the book is correct. If not, please call Brenda at the church or Barb Shoen at 236-8311.

The profit as of now for the cookie walk is \$2,038. It might have been better if it had not been for the blizzard that was predicted and then the actual blizzard which caused church services to be canceled the next day. We usually sell quite a bit in the morning after the church services. Thanks to all who worked, baked purchased, or made a monetary contribution. As stated in the November messenger our benevolent budget was fulfilled and we continue to help people in need with the profit.



There are still containers/trays here from the cookie walk that still need their rightful owners.

January 28th and 29th will find us once again tying quilts. If you don't have a job to go to, consider coming to help. Anyone can tie knots! It is a time of fellowship and eating too. There is morning coffee with treats, lunch, and afternoon coffee. We also are grateful for all the sheets, blankets, and fabrics that are given to us.

(Pastor's letter continued from page 1) that we as children of God are called to be a part. This scarcity and deficit framework tends to dominate how we discuss and envision our rural communities.

But did you know that since 1970 there are rich and diverse and positive trends in rural communities. Learn how these important polite changes have been occurring across rural America and what that requires of us to rewrite the story of rural community. Cost for the day \$80/congregation for as many people who want to go. This a great opportunity for the council and other congregation members who have a passion for our congregations to hear and explore different ideas and gather information. If you are interested talk to Pastor Krista.

I am looking forward to seeing how the Holy Spirit will continue to move through us this year. I encourage you to find a way to engage in the life of Trinity in a new or different way this year. Thank you for your faithful leadership and participation in the life here at Trinity. Your sharing your time, talents and resources DO make a difference.

Remember WE are blessed to BE a BLESSING!

Pastor Krista

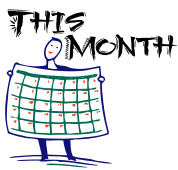


Thanks to the women (and some men) who donated to the Cookie Walk. We did very well but donations were down (monetary donations are still welcome). With the profits we donated \$1200 to charitable organizations, \$150 to the Alaina Aksenov benefit, and \$600 to help pay for the microphones.

CHECK YOUR COAT CLOSET...Trinity has six coats on the coat rack that have been there for quite awhile. You might be missing one!



Are you missing a coat?



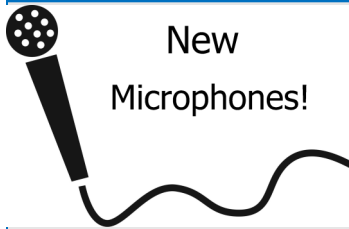
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<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>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>GIFT School 2-5:30 pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 <u>Communion</u></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>GIFT School 2-5:30 pm</p> <p>7:30 Church Council mtg.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>Baptism of the Lord 12:15-3 pm Confirmation U at (T)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>GIFT School 2-5:30 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pat Jones</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Scrapbook- ing at church</p>
<p>20 Noisy Sun GIFT kids sing</p> <p>Annual Meeting after worship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>GIFT School 2-5:30 pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Installation of new Leadership</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9 am Quilting Days</p>	<p>30 9 am Messenger Assembly</p> <p>GIFT School 2-5:30 pm</p> <p>Bingo at HSL in Truman</p>	<p>31</p>		<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Tuesday: 9:00-1:00 pm</p> <p>Friday: 9:00-1:00 pm</p>

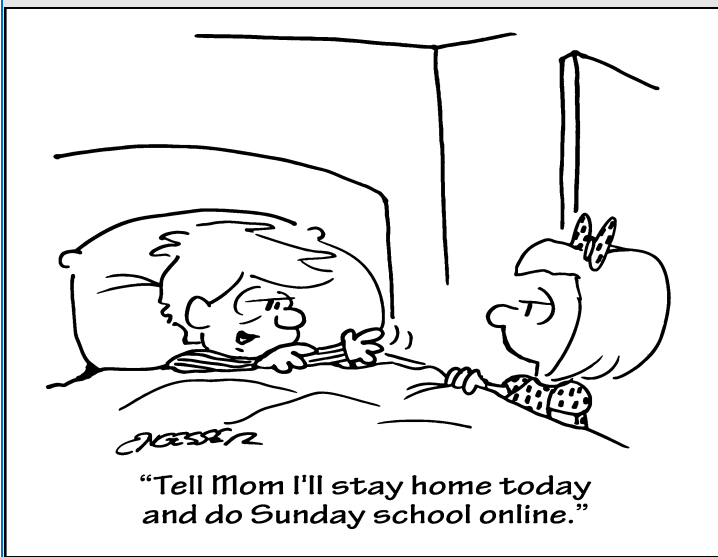
NEWS

From Our Parish



New Microphones!

Trinity now has new microphones, so hopefully the sound system will be greatly improved. Thanks to Marlene Ratike for donating Butch's memorial money and also the WELCA for donating Cookie walk profits to pay for them.



Recycle your Christmas Lights

STEP Inc. of Fairmont is once 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.

Thank You! Thank you to Pastor Krista for calling on me at the Madelia Hospital. Also thanks for all the prayers, cards and all the goodies I received. I am truly blessed.

Donna Fisk



Anyone interested in becoming a member of Trinity should call the office or speak with

Pastor Krista. We will be receiving new members in Feb/Mar.



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



We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the home-bound: **Donna Fisk.**

Prayers

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



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

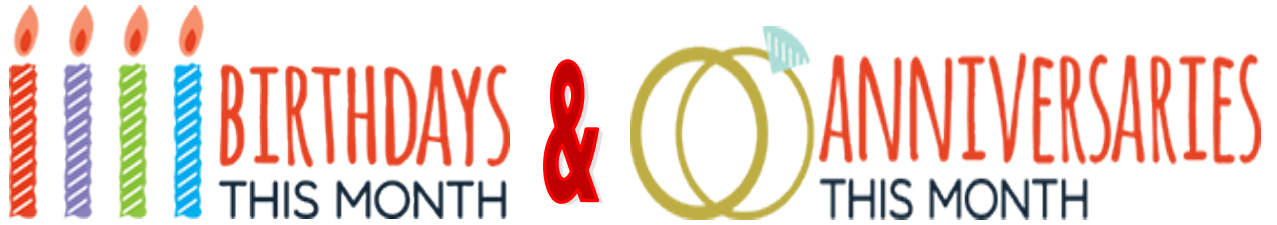
Fareway-\$139,250.73

Hy-Vee-\$71,366.53

Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count

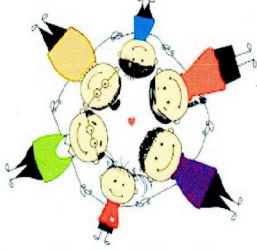
***Please don't cut off the receipts--the amounts are getting cut off and making them useless.*

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Ron & Kaela Kelley (4 yrs on Jan. 3rd)	1 	2	3 Marlene Breitbarth Heather Maloney Brady Selnes	4 Emilee Mosloski Kathy Wilkening	5
6 Logan Davis	7 Ciera Drevlow	8	9 <i>TRUST</i> <i>yourself</i> TO THE <i>Lord</i> WHO MADE YOU	10	11 Austin Maloney Brad Nickerson Brian Nickerson Gracie Zaharia Johnnie Zaharia	12 Peyton Franzen Ardene Miller
13 Kaden Moon	14  Gerald & Ardene Miller (58 years)	15 Caitlyn Carlson	16 Marlene Ratike (86 years)	17 	18	19
20 Lauren Strum	21 Hanna Hartman	22 Denise Janssen Duane & Rosalie Heckman (63 years)	23	24	25 Peyton Brudeligie	26  Doug & Vicky Schwanz (45 years)
27 Katie Strum	28 Cordae Moon	29	30	31 Art Stough (82 years)		

GIFT



Growing in Faith Together



Baking
cookies



Making crafts



Reading Stories



Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



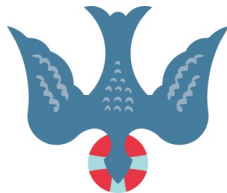
What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.

+Christian Symbol+ Descending Dove



A dove is a prominent symbol of the Holy Spirit. When the dove is shown flying downward, it reminds us of Jesus' baptism, when, the gospel writers tell us, the Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. Doves also symbolize baptism in general, because many Christian denominations teach that the Holy Spirit and its gifts are bestowed at baptism. Sometimes a dove is depicted with a three-ray nimbus around its head, indicating that it is a member of the Trinity. Doves are also commonly used as a sign of peace.



A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n y, new life

Bible Quiz

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above



Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)



THE MESSENGER

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God's Blessings to:



*"Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life. Be the light that helps others see."
—Roy T. Bennett*



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~