



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Dear Trinity Family,

Happy New Year! We enter into a new decade - 2020! As we begin the new decade together, our question we will wrestle with throughout the season of Epiphany is - WHY CHURCH? Have you ever thought about that question? How would you answer that question?

“Why Church?” As you know, people come to church for a variety of reasons – community, obligation, or even for the coffee. But those are surface level reasons. Throughout the season of Epiphany we are going to look deeper into that question. When we really look deep into the “why” of church, it’s all about what God does in our hearts: transformation. And, that’s what people are seeking, to be transformed! So why church? Because church...

Join us throughout Epiphany as we explore worship together and explore “Why Church?”

January 12th we kick off Epiphany - Asking the question

WHY CHURCH?

The answer: **For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations - Psalm 100:5**

It is Camp Sunday, GLLM staff will be present to lead worship and preach with Summer 2020 theme - Generation to Generation - For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations - Psalm 100:5

January 19 -Asking the question

WHY CHURCH? The answer: **Because church is RESTORATION.**

Jesus gets up very early and goes out alone to find a quiet place to pray – his way to restore his soul. The disciples cannot find him but when they finally do, they say, “Everyone is searching for you.” In our fast-paced society, what is it that we searching for? How do we find it? Is it Jesus? Why church? Because church is restoration.

January 26th - Asking the question

WHY CHURCH?

The answer: **Because church is REIMAGINATION .**

People are clamoring to get near Jesus. When the crowds are so great, a group cuts a hole in the roof to lower a friend through to be healed by Jesus. They used creativity to figure out how to connect with Jesus. Jesus, too, reimagines what it means to be a follower when he seeks out Levi, a tax collector. People often think of church as unchanging — “we’ve always done it that way.” That is not the tone set by Jesus! Why church? Because church encourages re-imagination!

February 2 - Asking the question

WHY CHURCH?

The answer: **Because church is a RE-CREATION of boundless opportunities.**

In God’s kingdom, even when things seem to die such as a seed, God brings new life through ways we could never imagine. Both the sower and the mustard seed begin small but with God, amazing things happen. Why Church? Because church is a re-creation of boundless opportunities.

February 9 - Asking the question

WHY CHURCH?

The answer: **Because the church tells and lives the RESURRECTION story.**

Jesus continues his healing work, but ups his game. Not only does he heal a woman who had been cast out from society for twelve years, but he even raises a girl from the dead. Why church? Because the church tells and lives the resurrection story.

How would you answer Why Church? I am going to push you a little further... As Trinity in Madelia celebrates its 150 anniversary.... I invite both my beloved churches to ask and answer the question Why Trinity? Think about it... You will be given the opportunity to answer this question in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Peace be with you and your family this new year!

Pastor Krista

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 December 11, 2019

Present: Arlene Peterson, Jan Ringeisen, Heather Tonkin, Clayton Duncanson, Grant Hartman, Dallas Wegner, Laurie Wille, Teresa Zaharia, Nikki Smith, Cathy Sorenson
President Grant called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was approved as read. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. There is \$3589 in the checking account and \$75,615 in the savings account. We had a net gain of \$1547 in the month of November!

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship-- Arlene reported that the Pony Express response so far is \$86,706. We hope that more pledges will be received.

Lay Ministry--Noting new to report. They are still sending cards.

Church properties--Dallas expressed his gratitude to the committee working on the shingle project. We are all grateful to Brad Nickerson and Grant for the work they have done. The committee is extremely happy with the response from the congregation. The bid from Fairmont Roofing to do the project was accepted.

Christian education--The Christmas program and supper will be next Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30. Last week we had 46 students attend GIFT! There will be a 2 week break and GIFT will resume on January 8.

Youth--They are working on the mission trip for next summer. Several 7-8-9 graders went to Willmar on the Confirmation retreat and had

a good time.

Worship--The committee will use the Time and Talent sheet and work on a schedule for ushers, lay readers and communion servers.

Pastor Krista--no report
OLD BUSINESS:

Vets Glass has been contacted and they have ordered a new glass for the back door.

NEW BUSINESS:

The nursing home is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels in town. This is a flexible commitment. More information in the Messenger.

Yvonne turned in the report for the nominating committee and all offices have been filled. Spots are still open for synod delegates and nominating committee if anyone is interested in serving on them. This is not a big time commitment.

The council worked on the budget for 2020 and tried to pair costs down as much as possible.

Cathy Sorenson

Special congregational meeting, Sunday's November 17 & December 8, 2019

After the church service, Grant Hartman called the meeting to order. Grant named the roof committee members and explained the events leading up to our roof problems.

Roof committee members: Grant Hartman, Duke Drevlow, Dallas Wegner, Brad Nickerson, Dave Sorenson, Veryle Williamson, Dennis Rode and Duane Heckman.

2 bids were explained. For over the flat roof of the entryway, it would cost \$10,000 to put on the same kind of flat roof we have had, and \$16,200 to put on a sloped foam that would send the water toward the street with the roof membrane on top of that.

To do the rest of the roof there were also 2 bids. Asphalt shingles would cost \$71,000. Steel shingles would cost \$118,000 but would have a 50 year non-prorated warranty. We have about \$70,000 from insurance and a current roof fund. It would cost approximately \$98,000 in 20 years to redo the asphalt

shingles again. Grant explained that the committee recommends having the congregation pledge what they could give toward a new roof over 2 years, and see what the numbers look like before we commit to a plan. Grant explained that we will recess this meeting until December 8, giving the congregation time to think about a pledge and have Thanksgiving. There will be a box in the back for people to give a pledge, and this can be anonymous. If we get pledges, we can lock in prices now even if the work isn't done until summer. Discussion followed. Comments included that this is over and above our normal giving, that we will still have to give toward the regular offering that goes toward bills. How many of our members give toward the church? We will know more after the regular stewardship packets are in. A comment made at council is that the people who helped build this church, and also the new addition didn't have extra money either, but they made it happen. We need faith and prayer. Another comment was that many of our members are on a fixed income. How long is the longevity for a flat roof like we have now? 20 years is a guess, and it may need upkeep before that. The option of steel sheets was asked about, and Grant said the committee feels this isn't the best option because of the bolts needing to go through the roof and they would show. The price would be between the cost of asphalt shingles and steel shingles. Steel shingles have hidden fasteners.

With no more discussion, Jerry Teig moved to recess the meeting until Dec. 8 and Dallas Wegner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by substitute secretary, Laurie Wille

December 8, 2019

President Grant called the congregational meeting back to order following the worship service.

He reported that \$38,000 has been pledged from 26 families. That is enough to proceed with the plans for the roof. There is hope that more pledges will be coming in.

Darrell Buhmann made the motion and Darrell Drevlow made the second to go with the steel shingle roof option. The motion carried with a hands up vote. Darrell Drevlow made a motion to adjourn and Teresa Zaharia made the second.

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Calendar year	THEME	BIBLICAL TEXT
January 5- 2nd Sunday of Christmas	<i>Lessons & Carols</i>	
January 12-Camp Sunday Baptism of our Lord	<i>Camp Sunday</i>	Psalm 100:5
January 19- 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	<i>Because Church is Restoration</i>	Mark 1:21-45 Psalm 103:1-5
January 26- 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	<i>Because church is Re-imagination</i>	Mark 2:1-22

JANUARY LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY GIFT SCHOOL— Every
Wednesday from 2:15 until 5:00 pm

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

January 5 & 12

COMMUNION SERVERS:

1/5— Jerry Teig
1/12— Cathy Sorenson



LAY READERS:

1/5-Laurie Wille
1/12-Brenda Hansen
1/19-Jan Ringeisen
1/26-LeAnn Maloney

ACOLYTES:

1/5-Carson Hastad
1/12-Keegan Hastad
1/19-Abby Hinton
1/26-Abby Hinton

JANUARY USHERS: *Mike Wiederhoeft,
Vern Quade, Dave Baarson and Jim Hansen

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 other side of this page for your preferences and send to the church office.



PHONE TREE

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

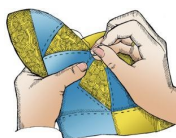
Our cookie walk was again a success. We appreciate all those who worked both in preparation and at the actual event. We ask all members to participate in this event either by making cookies or other goodies or by donating money. Of course many of our members purchased goodies too. The profit is used for our benevolence budget of \$1,450. which the majority is given locally.

This is the budget given this year:

Hospice	\$200
Salvation Army	\$150
Kids Against Hunger	\$150
CREST	\$150
Heaven's Table	\$150
Bio Girls	\$125
Beyond the Yellow Ribbon	\$100
Caring Bridge	\$100
Steven Ose Ministry	\$ 75
ARC Southwest	\$ 50
Options Pregnancy Center	\$ 50
St. Peter Treatment Center	\$ 50
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 50
Lutheran Social Service	\$ 50

Remember to pick up your new WELCA Handbook when it is in your church mailbox. Be sure to check your phone number and if there is a mistake, please let Brenda know.

Weather permitting we will work on quilts the last Monday and Tuesday of January. If you have not joined us before, please think about coming. All you need to know how to do is tie a knot!



Barb Mager's kind and generous heart continues to show her love for children. She left Trinity A LOT of beautiful fleece fabric. Her wish was that our kids would give a blanket to another child.

So, that is what happened. The kids who come to GIFT chose a fabric for another child. Norma and Geri finished off the quilts and the kids wrote a Christmas card to go along with their choice.

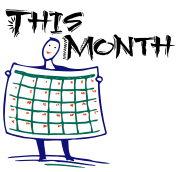
Julie Brudellie gave 17 quilts to kids who are in the Martin County Human Services program. Truman's Toys for Tots program received 6 quilts and 5 quilts were given to kids who are not able to attend the GIFT program.

Barb's beautiful, selfless spirit continues to touch many lives.



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Summary Report
November 30, 2019**

Checking Account Balance	\$ 3,589
Savings Account Balance	\$ 75,615
Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ 235
October:	
General Fund Income	\$ 12,756
General Fund Expenses	\$ 11,209
Net Loss	<u>\$ 1,547</u>
December:	
Cash available	\$ 3,589
Bills to pay	\$ 9,412
Cash Short	<u>(\$5,823)</u>
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	
Estimate mileage & Cell phone	\$7,972
Trinity Youth Fund	\$ 500
For Madelia	\$ 700
	<u>\$ 9,172</u>
Yvonne Noorlun (poinsettias)	\$ 240



February 2020						
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<p>Worship Schedule</p> <p>SUNDAY</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM</p> <p>GIFT SCHOOL</p> <p>Wednesday's</p> <p>2-5:30 PM</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00</p> <p>Wed-8-11 & 1-4</p> <p>Fri-7:00-10:00</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Tuesday:</p> <p>9:00-1:00 pm</p> <p>Friday:</p> <p>9:00-1:00 pm</p>	<p>1 Happy New Year!</p> <p>NO GIFT School</p> 	2	3	4
5 <u>Communion</u>	6  <p>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</p>	7	8 <p>GIFT School 2-5:30</p> <p>7:30 Church Council mtg.</p>	9	10	11
12 <u>Communion</u> <i>Baptism of Jesus</i>	13	14	15 <p>GIFT School 2-5:30</p>	16	17 <p>"BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD!"</p> 	18
19  <p>CAMP SUNDAY</p>	20  <p>Honoring MLK</p>	21	22 <p>GIFT School 2-5:30</p>	23	24 <p>Pat Jones</p>	25 <p>Scrapbooking</p> 
26 <p>Installation of new Leadership</p>	27 <p>9 am Quilting Days</p> 	28	29 <p>Bingo at HSL in Truman</p> <p>GIFT School 2-5:30</p>	30	31	

NEWS

From Our Parish

**Big
Thank
You!**

A big thanks to all those who stayed after church and helped decorate for Christmas. Many hands helped get the job done

**Recycle your
Christmas
Lights**



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.



Deepest Sympathy to our former Pastor Eugene Anderson on the death of his wife, Doris, who passed away on December 5, 2019. Her funeral was held December 14,

2019 at Trinity Lutheran in Madelia. Cards will reach Rev. Anderson at: 416 3rd ST SW, Box 217, Madelia MN 56062

Can You Help? The 2nd Harvest group could use a couple more volunteers to meet the truck on the 2nd Thursday of the month. You would be responsible for meeting the truck 2-3 times a year. This is a short time commitment as it usually takes 10-15 minutes for the truck to drop off our boxes. Please contact Cathy Sorenson if you would be willing to help out.



Prayers

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

Vi Benoy, Ardene Miller and Donna Fisk. *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*



Meals on Wheels is Back in Truman!

Heartland Senior Living is partnering with Lutheran Social Services to bring Meals on Wheels back to the Truman area!

Will you consider being that delivery person?

- *Drivers can deliver 1 day a week, 1-2 times a month, 1-2 weeks at a time or whatever days work for them.
- *2 people are ideal delivery team: 1 to drive, the other to navigate and deliver the meal.
- *1 person can deliver meals alone; it will just take longer.
- *Meals are ready to be delivered around 11 AM and can be picked up at HSL
- *Delivery takes about 30-45 min., delivering to 10-12 people on 1 route.

This would make a Great group project, confirmation classes, homeschool families, Civic Groups, Businesses, church fellowship groups!

Call Holly at Heartland Senior Living 1-507-776-2031 to discuss options.



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway-\$23,084.47

Hy-Vee-\$129,589.10

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

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		<p>Ron & Kaela Kelley (5yrs on Jan. 3rd)</p> 	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Marlene Breitbarth</p> <p>Heather Maloney</p> <p>Brady Selnes</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Emilee Mosloski</p> <p>Kathy Wilkening</p>
5	<p>6</p> <p>Logan (Davis) Hoek</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Ciera Geistfeld</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Austin Maloney</p> <p>Brad Nickerson</p> <p>Brian Nickerson</p> <p>Gracie Zaharia</p> <p>Johnnie Zaharia</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Peyton Franzen</p> <p>Ardene Miller</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Kaden Moon</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Gerald & Ardene Miller (59 years)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Caitlyn Carlson</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Marlene Ratike (87 years)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> 
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Lauren Strum</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Hanna Hartman</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Denise Janssen</p> <p>Duane & Rosalie Heckman (64 years)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Peyton Brudelie</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Doug & Vicky Schwanz (46 years)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Katie Strum</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Cordae Moon</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Art Stough (83 years)</p>	



**GIFT
CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM
HELD ON
December 18th**



Join us for  **Camp Sunday January 12th!**

Staff from GLLM will be sharing about our ministry partnership and the summer camp theme for 2020 during worship.

Registration is NOW open for Summer Camp! Register today!

Early Bird Discount - register by February 14th and receive \$40 off registration. Also enter **"LAUNCH2020"** when you register and receive \$10 off your registration!



If your child is unsure of a first time camper... try Half-Blast or Family Camp or send them with Pastor Krista on week 3.

Remember that Trinity and the camp provide scholarships and assistance.

All Middle School and High School Students are encouraged to join us for a mission trip to the TWIN CITIES July 26-31st



Many of us have been there multiple times but let's go with open hearts willing to have our eyes open to the needs of those around us. We will serve during the day, stay in host churches and take part in evening activities.

Cost of Trip \$359 — Deposit of \$50 due by January 15th

Congregational
STAR

We are starting a new article about a shining “Star” in our Congregation. We will feature an article about someone special from Trinity every month this year.



LOWELL R. NOORLUN

Q. Have you always lived in this area?

A. No I was born on a farm NW of Kiester, MN and was raised ¼ mile south of my birthplace. I spent most of my adult life working for the airlines or airline related occupations in the Minneapolis area.

Q. Do you have family members? If so, name your siblings first then your immediate family members.

A. I have a sister, Rosemary (deceased) brother Elliott and another sister, Candice.

I have 3 sons-Scott & wife, who live in the Denver, CO area and Seth & Shawn and their families who live in Marshfield, Missouri.

Q. Where do you work or have retired from?

A. I am retired I have worked for 3 different airlines, North Central, Western and United Airlines. I retired from Lynden Airfreight.

Q. List your favorite hobbies or interest?

A. Woodcarving and Travel

Q. Have you traveled any place interesting?

A. I enjoy cruising. And have been on all coasts of America through the Caribbean and Panama Canal 3 Times. The most enjoyable trip was the South Pacific Cruise for 29 Days.

Q. What is your favorite part or memory of Trinity Lutheran Church?

A. I enjoy most all church activities, especially the Choir. I'm not very good, but enjoy making my joyful noise.

Editors Note: Lowell has been Trinity's custodian for 10 years. Thank you for all you do for us here at Trinity!



THE MESSENGER

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January 2020

God's Blessings to:



“Our hope is not in the new year, but in the One who makes all things new.”
—Unknown

JANUARY 2020



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-7:00-10:00 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~