

# THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear Family and Friends of Trinity,

In just a few short days, Ash Wednesday will be here and the arduous, somber walk through Lent on our way to the joy of Easter will begin. Because it is Lent, I need to make a special confession.

The article you are about to read is actually a re-print of the one I wrote for the church I was serving in 1990! The events mentioned may be dated, but the lessons learned, and the ideas within it are timeless.

This past week I was the guest at a retirement party. It was delightful. Bill is a craftsman—a worker of wood and a stained glass artist. He has hobbies. He loves to hunt and fish. He serves his church. He has a lovely wife who is also a creative and generous spirit. None the less, I am sure retirement will take some adjustment.

There will be a time of transition, of letting go of the old and of reaching out for the new. There are those who would call that time “Lent”.

This past week I sat in the hospital with my friend David. David is a junior at Beresford High School. He works at Good Samaritan Home in Alcester. He likes his work. David has a girlfriend Mindy, and he likes to hunt and camp. He went to Japan and hopes to return. But David was injured in an auto accident, and now his life is in a holding pattern while his badly damaged body heals. It is a time of brokenness, of confusion, of anger, of pain, of self-cursing for making some poor choices, and it is also a time for healing. There are those who would call this time, “Lent”.

Bill will make it through his Lent to Easter—a time of new fulfillment, a new sense of purpose, more time with his beloved Alice, and of joy.

David will make it through his Lent to Easter—a time of wholeness and restoration.

We all know about the “Lents of Life” don’t we?

\*the times of aloneness and fear

\*the times of betrayal and denial and doubt

\*the times of failures and disappointments

\*the times of loss

\*the times of pain and hurt and anguish of body, soul, mind and spirit

\*the times of change and the times of stagnation.

We know all too well about the Lents...BUT life is not suppose to get wallowed down in Lent. Life is suppose to know EASTER-resurrection, refreshment, renewal, rebirth...second chances and new beginnings to rotten endings.

Some may say that Lent comes our way to make us more fully appreciate EASTER. The “you-will-never-appreciate-the-good-unless-you-have-known-the-bad mentality.” I would agree that is true when it comes to understanding what Jesus did and why he did it, but, I’m not so sure the concept applies to our lives. Could be, but frankly, I don’t think much of a God who somehow deliberately creates a hell for us just so He can look the hero by promising us a heaven.

I like to think God sends us EASTER as a gift to save us from the eternal Lent we often have created or others have created for us...to put an end to all that would undo us. That is what Jesus did. He put, and puts, an end to our Lents so that we might enjoy the Alleluia of Easter every day.

Ponder it this week...and if you find yourself in one of the Lents of Life, hang-on!...in one way or another EASTER’S coming. Praise God.

*An Easter Song....Susan Coolidge*

*A song of sunshine, through the rain, Of spring across the snow.*

*A balm to heal the hurts of pain, A peace surpassing woe.*

*Lift up your hands, ye sorrowing ones, And be ye glad at heart.*

*For Calvary and Easter Day, Earth’s saddest day and gladdest day...were just three days apart!!*

In Christ’s Service,

*Pastor Penny*

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun  
Vice President: Dan Klassen  
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening  
Treasurer: Brenda Hansen  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner  
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 pm  
 Wednesday- February 9, 2022**

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Nikki Smith Rhonda Bonk Dan Klasson Dallas Wegner Teresa Zaharia Josh Tonkin Cathy Sorenson

Secretary's Report-Kathy W. Teresa motioned to accept the secretary's report with correction- Dan Klassen instead of Dan Smith will be mowing church lawn.

Treasure's Report-Teresa Total amount in checking is \$42,198.84. The total in checking and savings is \$96,651.14.

Pastor's Report: Valentine cards sent to shut-ins and a few others who don't get out much. Prepared special worship services to correlate with the annual business meeting and installation. Continues to meet

for lunch with a member on Friday's. Attended worship committee meeting to plan for Lent and Easter. Attended the community meeting about the funeral home. Found a resource that would take all of the back additions of devotional books etc. and will pack and mail this week. Had an informal meeting with member.

## BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship-Rhonda Bonk - none

Lay Ministry/Evangelism-Eloise—Maundy Thursday service will not be held this year.

Church Properties-Dallas Wegner- none

Christian Education-Nikki Smith informed the council that 30 kids attended GIFT and the topic was Love and Valentines. Dan Klassen informed the council beginning in March [Ash Wednesday] the Gift Program will include adults for the evening meal. The kids will continue to meet after school and then about 5:15 a meal will be served to adults and the kids until about 6:30 with a discussion afterwards. All members of the congregation are welcome as well.

Youth-Teresa said the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis is canceled due to Covid-19. They still have some Kwik Trip cards for car wash if anyone is interested. The Youth will be serving 3 meals during Lent and WELCA will be serving 2 meals before Lenten services.

Worship-Cathy said Lay Readers have been scheduled for Sunday services.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Kim Hastad asked if is OK for Human Services to use the church for meetings. Council agreed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The Call Committee will meet on Tuesday.

Submitted by Kathy Wilkening



*Join us for Ash Wednesday Service in our In View of God's Mercy series for Lent, as we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we consider the ashes placed on our foreheads as a sign of our sins and remember that God lifts us from our ashes to new life in Christ.*



## Treasurer's Summary Report As of January 31, 2022

Checking Account Bal.	\$42,199
Savings Account Bal.	\$54,452
<b>JANUARY:</b>	
General Fund Income	\$ 10,035
General Fund Expenses	\$ 5,043
Net long	\$ 4,992
<b>FEBRUARY:</b>	
Cash Available	\$ 42,199
Bills to pay	\$ 4,775
Cash long	\$37,424

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
March 2-Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	2 Cor 5:20—6:10	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21
March 6—1 Lent	Deut 26:1-11	Rom 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
March 13—2 Lent	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	Phil. 3:17—4:1	Luke 13:31-35
March 20—3 Lent	Isa 55:1-9	1 Cor 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 27—4 Lent	Josh 5:9-12	2 Cor 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



The church season of Lent is nearly upon us. Most people think Lent begins on Ash Wednesday-March 2-this year, but historically that is not exactly true. There was a time when the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday also had significance. Church bells were “shriven”-rung to remind people of the need to repent, to review the good and the bad of their lives, and to begin to prepare their hearts and their homes for Lent .The palm branches from the

previous year’s Palm Sunday service were burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday. “Shrove Tuesday” (past tense verb of shriven) is also called “Fat Tuesday” or “Pancake Tuesday” because part of the preparation for Lent involved getting rid of all fats, rich foods, and dairy in anticipation of the fast from such foods for Lent. Mardi Gras , French for Fat Tuesday, is an outgrowth of this need to do all of the fun things and eat all of the fun foods that were to be forbidden during Lent.

Lent, which means “spring” is the season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which does begin on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday-the Saturday before Easter. Historically the season was a time for fasting, giving up certain daily activities, and in other ways making sacrifices that would help Christians remember the sacrifice Jesus would make for us. The first Sunday in Lent is always the account of the Temptation of Jesus. Times change; many churches no longer fast; in fact many have lunches or suppers during Lent. Rather than giving up certain more enjoyable or festive life activities, Christians are called upon to give up attitudes such as anger, bitterness, greed, lust, jealousy, and hate. Some churches eliminate banners, flowers, and other colorful decorations in the church, and stop using the word “alleluia”. Others do not because Sundays are exempt from the mood of Lent because Sundays are always celebrations of the resurrection.

Our church’s Wednesday night observances will begin with a simple meal followed by the Holden services, a predominately music prayer service, with a brief meditation. Mark Nass, Allison Klassen, and Tanner Mammenga will be this year’s musicians. Sunday morning services will follow the theme of “God’s Mercy” as it comes to us in teachings and sacrifice of His Son Jesus on the Cross.

Check the newsletter for times and other information about the activities for Lent.



# WELCA News

Thanks to all who helped move tables so we could work on the quilts. The plan is to leave the tables where they are until we are finished with the quilts for this year.



About six of us worked on quilts February 7 and 8. Of course most of us were not able to be there the whole time but we did get 20 of the 60x80 quilts tied and pinned around and 10 baby quilts tied, We did not have anyone to sew around them but that will be done later. A couple of ladies who enjoy helping us were on vacation. We were happy to have one gal who had not helped us before join us

We still are in need of colored flat sheets to use on the back of the quilts. The sheets can be new or used in good shape. While we were working at church the roll of fiberfill that had been on back order arrived. It will do about 27 of our quilts.

There are three boys graduating this year and they will each be getting a quilt made just for them.

If you forgot to send a Valentine to your "prayer child" perhaps you could send a St. Patrick's Day card!

Barb Shoen



Lay Ministry will be sending Easter cards to Trinity Members for the first time this year. To help cut down on the expense of cards, LM would greatly appreciate donations of Easter cards. You can put them in the box at Church. Thank you!



**Please pray for former Trinity Member, Rich Lauring who has a type of Leukemia that is difficult to treat. He has had a relapse and is back in the hospital for chemo treatments.**

**Rich and Marge's address is:  
721 Hilltop Lane  
St. Croix Falls, WI 54024**

## UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



**Fareway-\$69,510.96  
Hy-Vee-\$99,229.30**

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

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



# MARCH 2022

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<p><b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>In-person Service at 10:30 am on Sunday's &amp; streaming live on FB</b></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 GIFT Class 2:15-5:15 Family GIFT 5:15-6:15</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>9 am Open Bible Study at church</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</b></p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 <u>Communion</u></p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Conf class 4:30-6 pm 5:15-6:15 Lenten Meal <b>6:30 Lenten Worship</b> Council mtg After worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> 
<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:15-6:15 Lenten Meal <b>6:30 Lenten Worship</b></p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Newsletter <b>DEADLINE!</b></p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:15-6:15 Lenten Meal <b>6:30 Lenten Worship</b></p>	<p>31</p>	<p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL</b></p> <p>April 10-Palm Sun/Confirmation April 14-Maundy Thursday (No Service) April 15-Good Friday -6:30 April 17-Easter-10:30 am</p>	

# NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



I would like to extend my appreciation to our Trinity family for the cards and prayers after the death of my (Darla), sister, Denise Metteer.

Thank you so much  
Doug, Darla and Tanner



## LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE:

**Wednesday's in Lent**

**5:15-6:15 pm**

**(free will offering)**

March 9—Baked Potato Bar  
& Root beer floats



March 16—WELCA plans meal

March 23—Tator-tot  
Hotdish



March 30—WELCA plans meal

April 6—Walking Taco's

## Trinity's President Report



To Our Trinity Church Family,  
Please keep the call committee in your prayers. We had a good meeting with a new representative from the Synod. We enjoyed her company and feel confident that she is working hard for us.

Finding a Pastor is a huge undertaking as there are many churches looking and a shortage of Pastors.

We believe that God has a plan for us. We just need to be prayerful, diligent, and patient in our search.

We will do our best to keep you informed as the process unfolds.

Thank you all for your prayers and support.

In case of inclement weather, announcements about Trinity's worship service cancellations will be texted to you and also be announced on our website, Facebook page and on the KEYC television sta-



Our sympathy to the Pam Rode family at the death of Pam's mother, Ruth Caswell from Rock Rapids, IA. She passed away February 13th. Dennis & Pam's address is: 51341 Via Sorrento, La Quinta, CA 92253

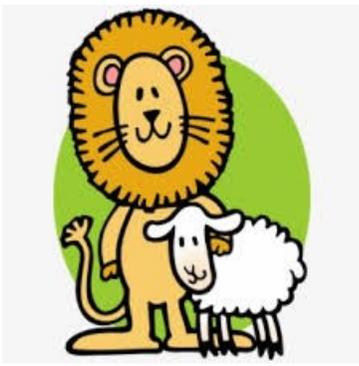


*We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:*

*Prayers*

**Ardene Miller, Larry Miller, Rosalie Heckman, Doris Fedder, Linnea Huss, Rich Lauring and the Pam Rode family .**

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



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<p>Remember your OFFERINGS</p> 		1	2 Carter Werner	3	4 Dan & Nikki Smith (16 yrs)	5 Kim Hastad Luke Kester
6	7 Brytni Drevlow	8	9 Tallin Cook	10 Tom Dodge	11 Sandy Meyer	12 Tom Kneeland
13  Mike & Paula Heckman (2 yrs)	14 Justin Kelley  <b>Muriel Druck (92 yrs)</b> 	15	16	17 Ashlyn Cook  Chris Hyndman	18	19
20 Colby Brudelig  <b>Jerry Teig (86 yrs)</b>  	21 Julie Brudelig Chloe Hartman Jerome & Laurie Wille (41 yrs)	22 Carson Hastad  Karen Nickerson	23	24	25 <b>Don &amp; Kathy Wilkening (55 yrs)</b>  	26 <b>Darrell Buhmann (85 yrs)</b> Mikayla Carlson
27	28 Dan & Denise Janssen (24 yrs)	29 Donna Kotewa	30 Darin Carlson  Don & Sandy Meyer (37 yrs)	31		

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PREPARE FOR

Lent

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