

Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity News

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Mission Statement

Trinity Lutheran Church is a caring congregation committed to providing a place of worship to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We acknowledge the authority of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Growing in Christ as a community of believers, we share with all people the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.”

– John 1:14

Dear People of Trinity,

I think this is my favorite Christmas story. It's really quite different from all the others. Notice that there are no angels, no shepherds, no wise men, and no Mary and Joseph for that matter. There is just the Word of God and its desire to make itself known to the world. We're going to be hearing a lot about it in the next few months, as we turn from our reading through the story of the Old Testament to hearing the New Testament story from the Gospel of John.

There can be very little doubt that John's telling of the story of Jesus is unique among the gospels. While the first three follow roughly the same chronology, John reshapes the story significantly. John's telling is thoughtful, thematic and theological. He has written an account that demands a response. “Jesus did many other signs...” he will write in explaining his purpose, “but these are written so that you may come to believe (or continue to believe) that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.” (Jn. 20:30-31)

How will he do this? He will tell the story in a series of extended stories that repeat a definite pattern of storytelling. It goes roughly like this: 1) initial encounter with Jesus, 2) misunderstanding of who Jesus is or what Jesus is about, 3) extended conversation revealing the truth about Jesus, and 4) the resultant belief and understanding of those involved (or lack thereof). All of this is intended, says Caroline Lewis in her commentary on John, to “show what grace looks like, tastes like, smells like, sounds like and feels like.”

If I had to use just one word to describe John's story, I would call it “incarnational.” It tries to demonstrate for us what it means to have God present among us. That's the center of John's Christmas story. God's Word, which was with God and which is God, “became flesh and lived among us.” Literally, the word means “camped” or “tented.” Older versions, used the word “dwelt,” a word that will have great importance in John's telling, but I like Eugene Peterson's paraphrase, in which he says, the Word “moved into the neighborhood.”

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Trinity Church Council Minutes, December 6 2017

Members Present: Pastor Art, Byron Giese, Daren Schuerman, Ron Lundebrek, Sheri Reuss, Bill Hoberg, Hans Helgense, and Mark Grussing

Everyone was welcomed by Byron at 7:05 p.m.

Devotion: Reading from Romans 12 starting with 6th chapter. Paul describes the life of a generous person. There is another lesson from "The Generosity Project" to be webcast at the church on Saturday, January 13, 2018, from 9am-3pm.

Pastor's Report: Summary of activity. Primary job tasks as the conference minister, will be on vacation after Christmas through the end of the year. Will find someone to lead worship on Sunday.

Additions: Housing allowance and council meeting date/time under new business.

Reports:

Church Council Secretary's Report: Reviewed and approved via e-mail.

Church Financial Secretary's Report: Motion to approve made by Mark, seconded by Daren, motion carried.

Church Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve made by Daren, seconded by Hans, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Education: No report. TIDES decorated.

Outreach & Community Relations: Did not meet.

Back Pack Program: Approximately 75-80 bags going out weekly; confirmation kids packing bags in January.

Property & Grounds: Did not meet.

Stewardship & Finance: Proposed 2108 budget discussion update.

Worship & Music: Did not meet.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Housing Allowance: Motion to designate \$28,000 of pastor's 2018 salary package as a housing allowance made by Daren, seconded by Mark, motion carried.

Council Meeting Date/Time: We are going to try meeting after church for the January council meeting to see if that is a more convenient for more council members to attend.

Announcements:

January newsletter articles due December 18th.

Annual report articles due December 26th.

(Nominating Committee: Toni Lindstrom, Shelly Hoffman, Jill Hollingsworth)

(Auditing Committee: Brock Duncan, Mike Heinzig, Cindy Steffen)

Next council meeting **Sunday, January 7th at approximately 10:15 a.m.** Committees as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted and council approved,
Sheri Reuss

Trinity delivers Meals on Wheels January 8-12
Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions about delivering, contact Linda Lyen at 843-2268. Thank you for your willingness to serve our community.

NOVEMBER 2017 INCOME

ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 11,794.00
LOOSE	\$ 207.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$ 13.00
TRANSFER (Altar guild)	\$ 17.00
MISCELLANOUS (heating, book)	\$ 756.00
NOVEMBER INCOME	<u>\$ 12,787.00</u>

INCOME COMPARISON

YTD 2017 (through 7/09/17)	\$ 144,695.91
(backpack \$5070.00, Barnyard, \$1,072.00, Savings 6,200.00, Endowment 1434.00, Local mission 5,580.37)	
YTD 2016 (backpack \$3146.00, 2,023.00 Memorial	\$ 133,353.59

MEMORIALS/GIFTS RECEIVED

In Memory of Selma Felton from family & friends	
\$ 10.00	Quilting
In Memory of Russell Tweten from Family & Friends	
\$ 10.00	Parking Lot
In Memory of Bill Goff from family & friends	
\$ 20.00	General Memorial
\$ 25.00	Hunger
In Memory of Jim Ehret from family & friends	
\$ 10.00	Altar Guild
\$ 35.00	General Memorial
\$ 40.00	Video System
DONATIONS/GIFTS	
\$ 1,900.00	Video System

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

ALTAR FUND	\$ 788.74
BUILDING FUND	\$ 470.00
HANDBELLS	\$ 781.71
LANDSCAPING	\$ 405.63
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 638.00
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 817.00
MUSIC FUND	\$ 158.27
PARKING LOT FUND	\$ 2,973.50
SOUND SYSTEM	\$ 938.50
SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND	\$ 2,369.98
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FUND	\$ 37.72
VIDEO 0PROJECT	\$ 7,430.00
INTEREST	<u>\$ 36.04</u>
BALANCE TO DATE	\$ 17,845.09

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Members Serving in the Month of January

Usher

* Chad Payne
Mike Heinzig
Pat Kellner
Robert Neuman
Brandon Tweten

Lectors

1/07
1/14
1/21
1/28

Assisting Deacon:

Byron Giese

Altar Guild

Kathy Johnson

Acolytes

1/07 Taylor Duncan
Kermit Overlie
1/14 Rylee Erickson
Jordan Grussing
1/21 Tyler Hadfield
Kyra Gronseth
1/28 Blake Lien
Anna McNeill

Coffee Servers

1/7 Sam & Abby Lundebrek,
Allison Egenes, Kolby
Goff, Shane Grussing, Zoe
Halvorson, Danielle Reuss
1/14 Sam Grussing, Jordan &
Rylee Erickson, Tyler
Hadfield, Megan & Jordan
Grussing, Courtney & Anna
McNeill, Larissa & Kermit
Overlie
12/17 Annu Meeting/potluck
dinner
1/28 Worship & Music
Committee
2/4 Education Committe

Worship Attendance

Date	Atten.	Communed
12/03	115	105
12/10	120	
12/17	110	89
12/24	68	
12/24 eve	235	199

STATISTICAL CHANGE

Baptisms:

Grant Erick Hoffman
infant son of Brett &
Trudy Hoffman

Pastor's Column continued

The point is that in Jesus we come to see what it is like to have God living with us, in our world, sharing our space, facing our circumstances, and learning to cope with our hardships and struggles. All this, God has done out of love. You know the most quoted verse of the Bible. It's right there in the early chapters of John's gospel. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." (Jn. 3:16) That's what it's all about – having life and having it abundantly. I look forward to our journey through the Fourth Gospel!

Peace be with you, **Pastor Art**

P.S.: Brenda and I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who has remembered us in any way during this Christmas season – with cards, gifts, or special greetings. We are so happy to share this adventure with all of you as part of the Trinity Lutheran family. "Merry Christmas" to all and our best wishes for a "Most Blessed New Year!"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:00-Worship & Music	4 8am-Quilting	5	6
7 9:00-Communion Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour 10:15-Sunday School 10:15-Council meeting	8 Trinity delivers meals on wheels	9	10 1:30-WELCA 3:00-4:30-ROCK 5:15-Confirmation 6:30-Bell Choir	11 8am-Quilting	12 9:00-Volunteers for annual report	13
14 9:00- Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour 10:15-Sunday School	15	16 9:30-Rebekkah Circle 2:00-9:00-Directory pictures 7:00-Sarah Circle-Marlene Giese	17 2:00-9:00-Directory pictures 5:15-Confirmation 6:30-Bell Choir 7:30-Senior Choir	18 8am-Quilting 2:00-9:00-Directory pictures	19 2:00-9:00-Directory pictures	20 9:00-4:00-Directory pictures
21 9:00-Communion Worship 10:00-Annual Meeting 10:00-Sunday School 11:00-Potluck dinner	22 Newsletter Articles due	23	24 5:15-Confirmation 6:30-Bell Choir 7:30-Senior Choir	25 8am-Quilting	26	27
28 9:00-Worship 10:00-Coffee Hour 10:15-Sunday School	29	30 8:30am-volunteers for newsletter	31 5:15-Confirmation 6:30-Bell Choir 7:30-Senior Choir	JANUARY 2018		

Narrative Lectionary Bible Readings

Read This Week: (Dec. 31-Jan. 6)

Sunday, John 1:19-34,
A Voice in the Wilderness
Monday, Psalm 32:1-2,
The Joy of Forgiveness
Tuesday, Psalm 32:3-4,
The Joy of Forgiveness
Wednesday, Psalm 32:5,
The Joy of Forgiveness
Thursday, Psalm 32:6-7,
The Joy of Forgiveness
Friday, Psalm 32:8-9,
The Joy of Forgiveness
Saturday, Psalm 32:10-11,
The Joy of Forgiveness

Read This Week: (Jan. 7-13)

Sunday, John 1:35-51,
Jesus Says Come and See
Monday, Psalm 66:1-5,
Praise for God's Goodness to Israel
Tuesday, Psalm 66:6-7,
Praise for God's Goodness to Israel
Wednesday, Psalm 66:8-12,
Praise for God's Goodness to Israel
Thursday, Psalm 66:13-15,
Praise for God's Goodness to Israel
Friday, Psalm 66:16-19,
Praise for God's Goodness to Israel
Saturday, Psalm 66:20,
Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

Read This Week: (Jan. 14-20)

Sunday, John 2:1-11, **Wedding at Cana**
Monday, John 2:12,
Jesus Goes to Capernaum
Tuesday, Psalm 104:1-9,
God the Creator and Provider

Wednesday, Psalm 104:10-23,
God the Creator and Provider
Thursday, Psalm 104:24-26,
God the Creator and Provider
Friday, Psalm 104:27-30,
God the Creator and Provider
Saturday, Psalm 104:31-35,
God the Creator and Provider

Read This Week: (Jan. 21-27)

Sunday, John 2:13-25,
Jesus Cleanses the Temple
Monday, Psalm 127:1-2,
God's Blessing in the Home
Tuesday, Psalm 127:3-5,
God's Blessing in the Home
Wednesday, Psalm 128:1-2,
The Happy Home of the Faithful
Thursday, Psalm 128:3-4,
The Happy Home of the Faithful
Friday, Psalm 128: 5-6,
The Happy Home of the Faithful
Saturday, Psalm 129:1-8,
Prayer for the Downfall of Israel's Enemies

Read This Week: (Jan. 28-Feb. 3)

Sunday, John 3:1-21, **Nicodemus**
Monday, John 3:22-30,
Jesus and John the Baptist
Tuesday, John 3:31-36,
The One Who Comes from Heaven
Wednesday, Psalm 139:1-6,
The Inescapable God
Thursday, Psalm 139:7-12,
The Inescapable God
Friday, Psalm 139:13-18,
The Inescapable God
Saturday, Psalm 139:19-24,
The Inescapable God

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH USHERS LIST 2018

FEBRUARY

* Tom Hollingsworth 843-2960
 Jerome Lysen 843-2268
 Daren Schuerman 567-2179
 Al Grussing 843-4017

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Volunteers needed!

MARCH

Bruce Larson 320-808-7193
 James Ahrndt
 Mark Erickson 320-766-6144
 Ben Overlie 320-808-1899

APRIL

* Robert Hoberg 843-3117
 Chad Carroll 567-2309
 Niels Unke 843-2426
 Kelly Aeikens 842-4530
 Marcus Goldenstein
 320-760-0375

MAY

* James Razink 843-3720
 Steven Petersen 843-2593
 Ron Woitte 320-241-3033
 David Tweten 320-297-0228
 Kurt Flegel 843-2887

JUNE

* Jason Anderson 368-3114
 Rick Hoffman 843-4413
 Kelly Lindblad 843-4525
 Dale Luschen 843-4260
 Greg Gunderson 843-4380

JULY

* Nathan Pederson 843-3730
 Rod Benjamin 843-3115
 Jeff Reuss 320-808-8196
 Jeremy Michaelson 368-2191
 Logan Flegel 843-2887

AUGUST

* Rob Anderson 843-3348
 Mark Schwarz
 Ron Lundebrek 320-220-3039
 Matt Moe 843-3604

SEPTEMBER

* Mike Johnson 843-3027
 Brain McNeill 843-3053
 John Connolly 567-2130
 Roger Lindahl 843-4664
 Chuck Erickson 368-2891

OCTOBER

* Bill Hoberg 843-3988
 Craig Lindblad 314-2665
 Mark Grussing 842-4346
 Michael Hadfield 843-4367

NOVEMBER

* Darrell Davidson 843-3064
 Jerry Goff 843-3256
 Scott Huston 842-6909
 Charles Halvorson 567-2362

DECEMBER

* Mick Boone 843-2178
 Brock Duncan 843-4231
 Greg Tweten 843-3020
 Hans Helgenset 842-4686

JANUARY 2019

* Chad Payne 843-3908
 Mike Heintzig 842-9263
 Pat Kellner 843-4941
 Robert Neuman 843-4557
 Brandon Tweten 320-304-3828

SUBSTITUTES

Gene Pangrac 842-6904
 Jason Olson 320-567-2389
 Cory Anderson 320-760-9351
 David Tweten 320-297-0228
 Jason Anderson 368-3114

FUNERAL USHERING

Jerome Lysen 843-2268
 Tom Hollingsworth 843-3385
 Kelly Lindblad 843-4525
 Chad Payne 843-3908
 Darrell Davidson 843-3064
 Ron Woitte 320-241-3033

**If anyone would like
 to usher,
 we could use more help
 please call
 Darrell Davidson 843-3064
 or Jerome Lysen 843-2268,
 cell 320-368-0599**

* indicates head usher for
 the month

Youth Happenings

Sunday School 10:15-11:15 am

Sunday School will resume on January 7, 2018!

ROCK (Reaching Our Community Kids) 4-6 grade Youth Group

In December, we prepared cards for shut-ins. Our word for this month was compassion. We read Proverbs 3:27-28 and discussed what compassion is and how we can be more compassionate in our lives. We began to learn more about the Children's Heart Project through Samaritan's Purse. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, January 10 from 3-4:30 p.m.** at Church. Kids can be picked up at the Northside and Jr. High buildings if they need a ride. Call Marlene Giese at 320-843-3977 or 320-226-7372. Feel free to invite a friend.

TIDES Happenings 7-12 grade Youth Group (Together In Devotion Everyone Serves)

Watch bulletins for this months activities.



January Birthdays

- 3 Jaden Michaelson
- 3 Kim Schuerman
- 4 Aleah Egenes
- 4 James Razink
- 4 Jeremy Schauer
- 4 Barb Schluter
- 6 Mick Boone
- 6 Kayla Unke
- 8 Abigail Lundebrek
- 10 Beverly Ehret
- 11 Dugan Halvorson
- 11 Lynne Payne
- 12 Josh Razink
- 18 Tom Ahrndt
- 18 Ashley Solis
- 19 Shelly Mikkelson
- 19 LuVonne Priebe
- 20 Emily Ascheman
- 20 Brianna Schuerman
- 21 Cory Anderson
- 21 Marlene Giese
- 21 Vanessa Gronseth
- 21 Ryan Unke
- 24 Hannah Hovde
- 25 Zachary Johnson
- 26 Michael Bates
- 29 Garrett Hoffman
- 29 Kyle Mikkelson
- 30 Kelly Aeikens



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