

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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Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy."

- 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Dear People of Trinity,

Writing in the forward to "**Beyond the Offering Plate: A Holistic Approach to Stewardship,**" Dorothy Bass says that everyone in the church agrees on these three statements: "Stewardship is not just about money. Everything that we are and have belongs to God, not to us. [And] returning to God some of the gifts we have received is a crucial expression of our faith." I think she is right. The problem, she goes on to say, is that, when it comes to stewardship, we don't follow through on what we believe. Instead, we talk about money, give a nod to time and talents, and leave it at that. We've probably talked enough about money for now, though I'm sure we will continue to do so into the future. Instead, I'd like to talk about the rest of the stewardship package. We'll try that for this year's Lenten preaching series.

Here is the schedule:

Feb. 14th – The Stewardship of Time

Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

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Mar. 30th – Stewardship of the End of Life

Good Friday Prayer at the Foot of the Cross

The job of a steward is to manage the affairs of a household. That certainly includes finances, but it also includes much more. If you were a fan of the British television series, "**Downton Abbey,**" think of Mr. Carson. His title is "Butler," but his function is that of "steward." He cares for, manages and oversees the affairs of the household. He is just as concerned with the budget of the kitchen as he is the proper etiquette of the staff. Everything is to be done properly and in order. And the affairs of the heart, the betterment of the workers, the upgrading of the equipment, and the proper respect for all aspects of abbey's traditions are all entrusted to his skills.

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Trinity Church Council Minutes, January 7, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Art, Byron Giese, Stacy Lindahl, Laura Hulterstrum, Ron Lundebrek, Sheri Reuss, Hans Helgenset, and Mark Grussing

Everyone was welcomed by Byron following worship services.

Devotion: Sunday worship service

Pastor's Report: Summary of activity. *Live Generously, Live Happier* online learning scheduled for Saturday, January 13th has been postponed to Saturday, March 10th. New member reception Sunday will be January 21st to officially welcome Carol Anderson and David and Rochelle Peterson so they can also participate in the annual meeting. Pastor has been asked by Rice Hospital/Hospice to be the new chaplain for the Benson area. His Synod Dean position is ending so this could fit in. Motion to allow Pastor to accept the position if he decides to made by Stacy, seconded by Laura, motion carried.

Additions: None

Reports:

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

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

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

Committee Reports:

Board of Education: No report. Sunday school program went well. Back to Sunday school schedule after the holiday break. TIDES undecorated.

Outreach & Community Relations: Did not meet.

Back Pack Program: Going well.

Property & Grounds: Did not meet.

Stewardship & Finance: Did not meet but passed around the updated proposed 2108 budget.

Worship & Music: Concerned with lack of funds donated for the video projection project; hosting the *Celebrating Martin Luther* event on Sunday, February 18th; will meet next month to discuss the Lenten services.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Annual Report-Agenda, Ballots, Resolutions: Draft agenda, ballots, and resolutions within council packet. Potluck will follow the meeting – spread the word.

Announcements:

February newsletter articles due January 22nd. Special new council meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21st immediately following the adjournment of the annual meeting in the front of the sanctuary to welcome new council members and vote on new officers.

Next council meeting Wednesday, February 7th. Committees at 6:30 p.m. as needed.

Meeting adjourned. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted and council approved,
Sheri Reuss



DECEMBER 2017 INCOME

ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 16,647.00
LOOSE	\$ 375.59
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$ 18.50
TRANSFER (98.83 Altar guild, 35.33 Music)	\$ 134.16
MISCELLANOUS(211 flowers, 26.50books 850 WELCA)	\$ 1087.50
DECEMBER INCOME	\$ 18,262.75

INCOME COMPARISON

YTD 2017	\$ 162,958.66
(backpack \$5070.00, Barnyard, \$1,072.00, memorial 6,200.00, Endowment 1434.00, Local mission 5,580.37)	
YTD 2016 (backpack \$3146.00, Memorial 2,023.00)	\$ 156,207.49

MEMORIALS/GIFTS RECEIVED

In Memory of Ione Plowman(Don DuHoux sister) from Family & Friends
\$ 20.00 Altar Guild
DONATIONS/GIFTS
\$ 800.00 Video System
\$ 719.00 Video System (lefse sales)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

ALTAR FUND	\$ 709.91
BUILDING FUND	\$ 470.00
HANDBELLS	\$ 781.71
LANDSCAPING	\$ 405.63
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 638.00
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 817.00
MUSIC FUND	\$ 122.94
PARKING LOT FUND	\$ 2,973.50
SOUND SYSTEM	\$ 938.50
SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND	\$ 2,369.98
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FUND	\$ 37.72
VIDEO OPROJECT	\$ 8,949.00
INTEREST	\$ 38.13
BALANCE TO DATE	\$ 19,252.02

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Members Serving in the Month of February

Usher

* Tom Hollingswoerh
 Jerome Lysen
 Daren Schuerman
 Al Grussing

Lectors

2/04 Confirmation Student
 2/11 Jeremy Michaelson
 2/18 Terri Scott
 2/25 Cindy Steffen

Assisting Deacon:

Daren Schuerman

Altar Guild

Cindy Steffen
 Kathy Tweten

Acolytes

2/04 Zoe Halvorson
 Chaden Carroll
 2/11 Sam Grussing
 Kermit Overlie
 2/14 Taylor Duncan
 Sara Larson
 2/18 Rylee Erickson
 Kyra Gronseth
 2/21 Tyler Hadfield
 Jordan Grussing
 2/25 Zoe Halvorson
 Blake Lien
 2/28 Anna McNeill
 Sam Grussing

Coffee Servers

2/4 Education Committer
 2/11 Taylor Duncan, Emma
 Heinzig, Cameron & Kyra
 Gronseth, Sara Larson,
 Nick Molden, Chaden
 Carroll
 2/18 Sam & Abby Lundebrek,
 Allison Egenes, Kolby
 Goff, Shane Grussing, Zoe
 Halvorson, Danielle Reuss
 2/25 Sam Grussing, Jordan &
 Rylee Erickson, Tyler
 Hadfield, Megan & Jordan
 Grussing, Courtney & Anna
 McNeill, Larissa & Kermit
 Overlie

Worship Attendance

Date	Atten.	Communed
12/31	39	
1/07	85	79
1/14	77	
1/21	84	84
1/28	92	

Thank You Notes

Thank you Pastor Art for all your prayers while I was in the St. Cloud Hospital. Thank you also Church members for keeping me in your prayers. Your prayers love and concern has been greatly appreciated as I continue to recover at Meadow Lane. Love Rose & Joe Wogan

Pastor's Column continued

So is everything that is given into our care as well. Often, when we think about our purpose in God's creation, we get stuck on the word "dominion" in Genesis 1:26. The word can certainly mean "to rule over," but it can just as easily be understood as "to care for." It means to do the work of a steward. To live as a member of God's household, with the responsibility for taking care of the creation. To do that job well means considering all the many aspects and characteristics with which the creation has been endowed. My hope is that we can do just that.

Again, this year, the young people of the TIDES group will be serving soup suppers before each of the Wednesday services. The free-will offering will be used to defray the cost of their summer mission trip and other expenses. Come and support their cause and enjoy some learning and fellowship with the members of your church family!

Peace be with you, **Pastor Art**

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

FEBRUARY 2018

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9:00-Communion Worship
10:00-Coffee hour
10:15-Council meeting
10:15-Sunday School
10:30-Adult Study

11
9:00-Worship
10:00-Coffee Hour
10:15-WELCA
10:15-Sunday School
10:30-Adult Study

18
9:00-Communion Worship
10:00-Coffee Hour
4:00-Celebrating Martin Luther

25
9:00-Worship
10:00-Coffee Hour
10:15-Sunday School
10:30-Adult Study

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Newsletter
Articles due

26

Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

6

13

20
10:00-Rebekkah Circle
7:00-sarah Circle

27
8:30-Volunteers for newsletter

7
5:15-Confirmation
6:30-Mentors meeting

14
ASH WEDNESDAY
3:00-ROCK
4:30-Confirmation
5:30-Soup Supper
6:30-Ash Wed. Worship

21
4:30-Confirmation
5:30-Soup Supper
6:30-Lent Worship
7:30-Senior Choir

28
4:30-Confirmation
5:30-Supper
6:30-Lent Worship
7:30-Senior Choir

1
8am-Quilting

8
8am-Quilting

15
8am-Quilting

22
8am-Quilting

2

9

16

23

3

10
Baby Shower

17

24

Narrative Lectionary Bible Readings

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

Read This Week: (Feb. 4-10)

Sunday, John 4:1-42,

The Woman at the Well

Monday, John 4:43-45,

Jesus Returns to Galilee

Tuesday, John 4:46-54, **Healing Stories**

Wednesday, John 5:1-18,

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

Thursday, John 5:19-29,

The Authority of the Son

Friday, John 5:30-47, **Witnesses to Jesus**

Saturday, John 6:1-15,

Feeding the Five Thousand

Read This Week: (Feb. 11-17)

Sunday, John 9:1-41, **The Man Born Blind**

Monday, John 6:16-21,

Jesus Walks on Water

Tuesday, John 6:22-34,

Bread from Heaven

Wednesday, John 10:1-18,

The Good Shepherd

Thursday, John 6:35-59, **Bread of Life**

Friday, John 6:60-71,

Words of Eternal Life

Saturday, John 7:1-9,

The Unbelief of Jesus' Brothers

Read This Week: (Feb. 18-24)

Sunday, John 11:1-44,

Jesus Raises Lazarus

Monday, John 7:10-24,

Festival of Booths

Tuesday, John 7:25-31,

Is This the Christ?

Wednesday, John 7:32-36,

Officers Are Sent to Arrest Jesus

Thursday, John 7:37-39,

Rivers of Living Water

Friday, John 7:40-44,

Division among the People

Saturday, John 7:45-52,

The Unbelief of Those in Authority

Read This Week: (Feb. 25- Mar. 3)

Sunday, John 13:1-17,

Jesus Washes Feet

Monday, John 7:53-8:11,

The Woman Caught in Adultery

Tuesday, John 8:12-20,

Jesus the Light of the World

Wednesday, John 8:21-30,

Jesus Foretells His Death

Thursday, John 8:31-38, **True Disciples**

Friday, John 8:39-59,

Jesus and Abraham

Saturday, John 10:19-42,

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews



Meals on Wheels

Trinity is delivering Meals on Wheels February 26-March 2. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have questions about delivering, contact Linda Lysen at 843-2268. Thank you for your willingness to serve our community.

Save the date. Join us in “*Celebrating Martin Luther*” on Sunday, February 18 at 4:00pm. There will be a performance by Martin Luther (aka Larry Streng), a hymn sing-a-long and a German themed meal. This is a fund raiser for our video/audio system, so come and enjoy the event!

Women of Trinity

WELCA MEETING JANUARY 9, 2018

President Rose opened the meeting. We sang the hymn, Bind Us Together Lord

Members present: 8

DEVOTIONS: Lois Torgerson presented a Devotional Reading and Scripture verses based on Romans 8:31.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Discussion was held about separating the newspaper ad expenses for the Advent Tea and the Lefse Sale to show correct amounts for each event. Motion made by Marlene Giese and seconded by Lois Torgerson to separate the ad expenses and WELCA will donate the Lefse Sale ad expense to the Video Project. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report made by Lois Torgerson with a second by Jan Aiekens - motion passed. Due to illness, Irene was unable to provide the secretary’s report.

OLD BUSINESS: Thank you to Work Unit 2 for serving the Advent Tea. Thank you to Diane Schuerman and Lois Torgerson for delivering cookies to our shut-ins.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held about trying other dates and times for our WELCA meetings to allow more women the opportunity to attend. Motion made by Marlene Giese with a second by Lois Torgerson to hold the WELCA meetings on Sunday mornings, February 11 and March 11. Motion passed. We will have brief meetings in the Fellowship Hall at the beginning of coffee hour. We urge all women to

attend these short meetings and take the opportunity to have input for our WELCA organization.

President Rose passed around a thank you note received from the Farm Rescue Organization. The \$300 donation was to assist farm families in crisis during the many forest fires in the western states last fall. If you would like more information about this organization, check out stories on farmrescue.org and click on ‘From the Field’.

Thanks to Rose DuHoux and Marlys Boone for serving lunch today. **NEXT MEETING, NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME:** Sunday, February 11, during Coffee Fellowship following worship.

Rose also mentioned that the WELCA handbooks for 2018 have been passed out. Everyone is encouraged to make note of the various duties of committees and work units. Please note that the funeral meal policy has changed somewhat. WELCA will provide meat-filled buns, cake, pickles and coffee for funerals. If the family wishes, they can provide a main dish and/or salad of their choice to be served by the work unit.

Motion to adjourn by Shirley Grothe with a second by Clarice Beyer. Motion passed.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer and the Table Prayer.

Submitted by Marlene Giese

Youth Happenings

Sunday School 10:15-11:15 am

No Sunday School February 18th/Presidents Day

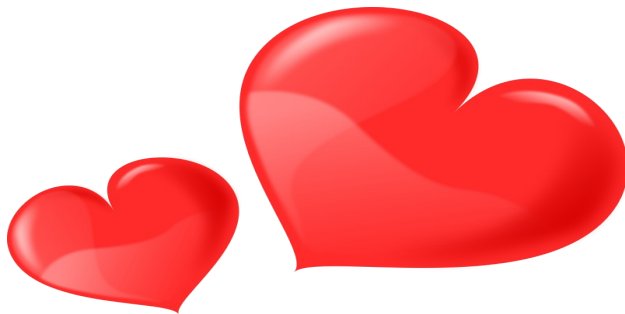
ROCK (Reaching Our Community Kids) 4-6 grade Youth Group

Our word for January was courage. We read Joshua 1:9 and discussed how courage is needed for the children and doctors involved in the heart surgeries. We watched a portion of the movie, **Three Hearts**, which is about the Samaritan's Purse Children's Heart Project. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, February 14 from 3-4:30 p.m.** at Marlene's house. Call Marlene Giese at 320-226-7372 if you need a ride. Feel free to invite a friend.

Article by Elise, Phoebe and Keala: We are watching a movie about three kids from Mongolia. Mongolia is a country located between Russia and China. The kids come to Texas for heart surgery. By donating to Samaritan's Purse, we show compassion to the children who need surgery. The children need courage to go through the surgery and be away from their families. The doctors need to have courage to perform the surgeries to save the lives of the children.

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

Watch bulletins for this months activities.



February Birthdays

- 1 Pastor Art
- 3 Alisha Molden
- 6 Cameron Gronseth
- 6 Matt Hoffman
- 7 Valerie VanderWeyst
- 9 Sophia Dehne
- 11 Ken Aeikens
- 11 Andrew Lindahl
- 11 Adam Lindahl
- 11 Linda Luschen
- 12 Jamie Halvorson
- 12 Addison Schauer
- 13 Ellen Reuss
- 15 Emmie Grussing
- 16 Brenna Pangrac
- 16 Kaidin Pangrac
- 17 Ethan Scott
- 18 Laura Ascheman
- 20 Blake Lien
- 20 Daren Schuerman
- 23 Chad Payne
- 24 Rhonda Luschen
- 26 Marlys Boone
- 27 Barb Schwarz
- 28 Kayla Rogers



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Lenten/Easter Schedule



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