



Trinity Lutheran Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Baptized believers *sent* into God's world
to *share* God's love and grace.

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This Month at TLC

- February 6—Nutrition Classes Begin @ 12:00
- February 7—KidZone Begins
- February 11—Council Meeting After Worship
- February 14—Ash Wednesday Service 7:00
- February 21—Midweek Lent Services Begin @7:00

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Wednesdays:

- 9:30 Bible Study
- 3:30-5:00 KidZone
- 6:00-7:00 Confirmation Class

Hymn of the Month:

#918 ACS

This is the fast that God would choose, to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the captives go free, and to break the yoke of oppression. Now is the time of grace, now is the day of salvation. Turn now, and seek God's face, now behold God's invitation.

We Pray

For those battling cancer: Doug Dahlke-continuing treatment.

We pray for Kelly Anderson; Diane Riediger; Presley Johnston; Ed Kunkel (Barb's son)-still dealing with problems; Kelly Martin; those in addictions/recovery; all who are grieving; victims of COVID-19, extreme weather and natural disasters, violence and domestic abuse

From the Pastor...

Lent begins early this year—in fact Ash Wednesday falls on Valentines Day! How appropriate that we should begin our Lenten journey on a day that is dedication to showing and telling others that you love them!

Our Midweek Lenten services will give you an opportunity to discover what life was like in Jesus' lifetime. "Passover in Jerusalem" is an interactive experience where you will learn more about the customs and lifestyles of people living in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus' physical presence. Of course we won't actually travel to Jerusalem but through a series of scripts the story unfolds week by week. There are no rehearsals—the dialogue is provided to you. I believe you will find this format a refreshing way in which to experience the retelling of Jesus's life in the last Passover celebration of his life. It will bring to life many things you may have read and learned about in Sunday School, worship, and reading the stories in the Bible. The places you will "visit" become more real—they become familiar.

You are invited to come along and experience a Lenten journey that becomes much more than words you hear. You are invited to use your imagination and put yourself in Jesus' footprints as you "see" places and hear about the events that occurred in those places in a different way. The purpose of our Lenten journey each year is to take some time away from the typical and surround ourselves in the history and life of Jesus Christ as he made his way to Jerusalem for his very last Passover. You will learn a bit more about the customs and traditions Jesus would have experienced. The Lenten season will conclude with a Seder Meal—you will hear more about this opportunity at a later time but I hope and pray that it will bring about a true Passover experience for you and your family.

Please plan to join together with your Trinity family as we journey along with Jesus and his disciples and family, encountering anew vision of how Passover was experienced in the days before Christ's crucifixion.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jane

We Celebrate!

February Birthdays

- 1 – Lisa Rippke
- 2 – JoAnn Jahn
Amy Coulter
- 3 – Konnor Brosamie
- 9 – Kara Koehn
Marissa Molland
Vicky Phillips
Phillip Sanderson
- 11 – Clay Zellmer
Sadie Stratton
- 18 – Bailey Kennedy
Maylee Lloyd
- 19 – Alise Brockhaus
Susan McElrath
- 21 – Ian Bappe
Mari Bappe
- 24 – Julie Davidson
- 25 – Andrew Henschen
- 26 – Teren Davidson
Ivy Rogers
- 28 – CJ Hannah

We Appreciate and Thank You!!

Our thanks to:

- All December worship assistants.
- Ruth Chartier & Jacob Martin for sharing their talents on the organ with us
- All members of the 2023 Council who kept our church running so smoothly

We Serve TLC in December

Organist: Ruth Chartier

Altar Guild: All Members

Scripture Reader: Liz Wahlberg

Offertory Accountants: Blake & Sadie Stratton

Tech Assistants: Rebecca Brockhaus

Lenten Breakfasts

Wed. Feb 21	7:30 AM	Trinity Lutheran Church
Wed. Feb 28	7:30 AM	Immaculate Conception Church
Wed. Mar 6	7:30 AM	United Methodist Church
Wed. Mar 13	7:30 AM	Community Center, hosted by New Hope

TLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes—December

Date: Sunday, December 10, 2023

Present: Blake Stratton, Pastor Jane Johnston, Roger Christiansen, Susa Christiansen, Gail Ploen, Rebecca Brockhaus, Lynn Morgan, Nick Wahlberg, Gloria Healy, Jill Stratton, Peggy Hopp

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:19 AM by President Blake Stratton

Opening Prayer / Devotion: Pastor Jane - "The Night Before Jesus"

Pastor's Report - Confirmation Camp - 2 7th grade students and 2 8th who did not go last year; there are 4 who went last year who would like to go again.

Announce:

Call committee update - Our papers were sent to a pastor; Blake spoke with him on the phone and is waiting to hear back from him regarding a possible interview.

Synod / ELCA updates - Living God's Baptism 2024

Additional announcements

Christmas Program is Dec. 17th - Men's breakfast to follow.

Christmas Eve Services

9:00 AM - No communion

5:00 PM - Candlelight service with communion

Discuss/Follow-Up:

Vandalism Update

Church building / Parsonage Items

Bell wiring

Panel Drive Update

Sound System Update

Parsonage Rental - received a general rental contract from Jeremy Cross

Treasurer - software or laptop update - Software is loaded but will enter numbers in January (start of new year)

Constitution - Review New Updates - See motion in decide

Membership List Update - Ongoing project

Church Inventory - keeping it on the radar

Money Market Account Update - transferred money

Nominating Committee Update - will find time to meet

Advent Offering Designation - See motion in decide

Safety Deposit Box at SNB - church has 2 keys, \$40/year begins in 2025

New Insurance Packet - Insurance prices have gone up and Blake is gathering quotes from different companies.

Annual Meeting Date - See motion in decide

Decide:

Motion made by Gloria Healy, seconded by Roger Christiansen, to approve the recommended changes in the Constitution, to present to the congregation. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Roger Christiansen, seconded by Nick Wahlberg, to designate advent offering, 50% to Lutheran Lakeside and 50% to the Community Basket. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Rebecca Brockhaus, seconded by Gail Ploen, to set the annual meeting date for Sunday, January 28th following worship. Motion passed unanimously. All reports due to Sadie by January 10th.

Motion made by Roger Christiansen, seconded by Gail Ploen, to approve November Council Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Susan Christiansen, seconded by Rebecca Brockhaus, to approve November Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

January Council Meeting set for Sunday, January 14th following worship

Adjourn: Motion made by Gail Ploen, seconded by Gloria Healy, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Stratton, Secretary