



# Trinity News

December 2016

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## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed – WW & Confirmation
- Wed – Choir Practice
- Dec 4 – Advent craft day
- Dec 6&13 – Text Study
- Dec 7 – Church Council
- Dec 8&9 – Treehouse Prog.
- Dec 8 – Deacons Meeting
- Dec 12-16 – Cleaning Day
- Dec 13 – Women's Bible Study
- Dec 15 – Men's Bible Study
- Dec 15 – Pastor's Meeting
- Dec 20 – Evening piano recital
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve candlelight service



*from the desk of...*

*Pastor Lisa*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Are you feeling rushed and busy? I know I am! It seems like there is just *so much* happening at this time of the year, that there is scarcely a moment to breathe and take in this season of preparation for our Lord's Nativity. Certainly we prepare in all kinds of ways for this, too: tree trimming/decorating, party planning, the dreaded (for me) shopping for Christmas gifts, the careful trip planning to visit far-off family and friends, school and church Christmas programs. Prepare, prepare, prepare ... for ... what, exactly?

It's all *so busy*, this preparing for Christmas. And, for many of us, preparing for Christmas ends up being physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually draining. What if we took a step back this year, even in the midst of all of the busy preparations for Christmas, and simply let Advent be a time of restful waiting for the birth of our Lord? What might we notice about the friends, family, and loved ones around us that would otherwise go unnoticed if we just "ran the Christmas relay"? What might we notice about the advent (the coming) of Jesus?

As you go about these next weeks, I do invite you to stop, take a breath, and simply enjoy this time of waiting for Jesus' birth. Try to notice where God's presence is already with you and those whom you love, and give thanks for God's coming to dwell among us.

The parties, the tree trimming, the shopping: these are all great ways to prepare for Christmas. They are not "wrong" or "bad" at all. They bond us with our loved ones during this time of year. But ... be gentle with yourselves. Remember to wait for our Lord, whose day is drawing near, with quiet anticipation and hope, too. The Christ

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## PRAYER LISTS

Ashleigh Blake – Cousin of Pastor Lisa  
Pat Blum – TLC member  
Jim Butler – Friend of Maryalice Larson  
Roger Buum – TLC member  
Bea Carr – Aunt of Kaitlin Fuerstenau  
Debi Cleland – Sister in law of Nancy DeBoer  
Margaret Demery – Grandma of Kelly Longden  
Scott Graves – Son of Gene & Dianne Graves  
Pastor Erik Grayvold – Friend of Pastor Lisa  
Dave Gray – Friend of Bob & Mary Brown  
Kayleen Haiar – Granddaughter of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes  
Dottie Hieb – Friend of Alice Bunker  
Vickie Hieb – Friend of Maryalice Larson  
Larry Hollmann – Friend of Maryalice Larson  
Michael Johnson – Requested by Dave & Maryalice Larson  
Bob Juhl – Dad of Teena Mosel  
Brad Klostergaard – Cousin of Karen Graber  
Lou Mattioli – Friend of Deb Selland  
Larry Nielsen – Friend of Bob & Mary Brown  
Jack Normile – Father of Mike Normile  
Mike Normile – TLC Member  
Gunner Olesen – Member of the community  
Glenn Osborne – Brother of Deb Selland  
Joel Sprecher – Brother of Paula Feltman  
Barry Van Beber – Brother in law of Kay Hines  
Lynette Van Beber – Sister in law of Kay Hines

### **To Be Remembered:**

Connie Bailey  
John Blumeyer  
Don Borman  
Virginia Broussard  
Allen Currey  
Ray Goeden  
Gene Graves  
Mike Healy  
Emelia Hofwolt  
Pam Houghteling  
Eugene Kane

Winnie Keller  
Amy Kenobbie  
Deah Killion  
John Koenig  
Larry Larsen  
Mariah Normile  
Rianna Laurens  
Clifford Priebe  
Mike Renbarger  
Jill Schreiber  
Kim Tyrell  
Cindy Wilkens

### **Those in service to our country:**

We pray for all the men and women in military units who are on active duty, and their families.

Ariel Gould – Sister of Noah Gould

### **Missions of the Church:**

We pray for Prison Congregations of America, St.Dysmas Congregation at Springfield, SD as they continue to do your work behind prison walls.

We also pray for the Young Adult Intentional Community of Rosebud, a mission of the South Dakota Synod.



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## Trinity Service and Religious Education Schedule

**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 a.m. with communion on first and third Sundays, choir sings on second and fourth Sundays.

**Saturday Worship:** 5:30 p.m. with communion.

**Wowsome Wednesday & Confirmation Class:**  
 Wednesday, 5:30 meal; 6:00 class, mid-September thru late April.

**Church Council** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Church.

**Deacons** meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Church.

## CELEBRATIONS

### *BIRTHDAYS*

Dec. 1: Keven Graber  
 Dec. 1: John Shepherd  
 Dec. 3: Dennis Mohni  
 Dec. 5: Julie Klages  
 Dec. 13: Gwendolyn Brown  
 Dec. 17: Joe Wall  
 Dec. 18: Julie Menzie  
 Dec. 18: Hope Turgeon  
 Dec. 19: Cynthia Wall

Dec. 19: Emily Wall  
 Dec. 24: Jake Reimer  
 Dec. 24: Will Haugen  
 Dec. 26: Dasani LaCroix  
 Dec. 29: Gary Goodman

### *ANNIVERSARIES*

Dec. 6: Darrell & Cara Miller  
 Dec. 27: Donn & Nancy DeBoer  
 Dec. 27: Larry & Arlys Abernathy



**Wowsome Wednesday**  
**Christmas program**  
**"The ABC's of Christmas"**  
**December 14th at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Treats to follow**

## DECEMBER SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector
Dec. 4	3rd & 4th graders	3rd & 4th graders
Dec. 11	OPEN	Mark Huber
Dec. 18	OPEN	OPEN
Dec. 24	OPEN	OPEN
Dec. 25	OPEN	OPEN

History has once again been repeated! An amazing awesome group of over 80 people from our church born across 9 decades (from the 1920 to the 2000s!) came together to feed and have fun with over 200 guest from all over South Dakota and even Minnesota! 75% of the active membership of our church was involved!! Amazing!!!



A huge thank you to each and every volunteer who joined together to make the lutefisk, lefse, meatball supper a success! Feeding all those hungry people takes lots of teamwork! This is a wonderful community of Christian fellowship.

We have a small amount of lutefisk left. Give the money to Mary Normile or Jeff Tveit.

Lutefisk is in 2 pound packages for \$12.

Check for your dishes on the table in the narthex.

Give any suggestions for next year's supper to Pastor Lisa, Mary Brown, Mary Normile, Judy Swanson or Jeff Tveit. Thank you for all you did to make this a success!!



Thank you to Thrivent Financial Action Teams for purchasing supplies and advertising for our event!

Pastor Lisa is looking for four people to be readers on Christmas Eve. These readers will be interacting with one another throughout the service as an every day Christian, the angel Gabriel, the prophet Isaiah, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. If you are interested in taking part, please see Pastor Lisa ASAP.

*from the desk of... Pastor Lisa*

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Child is come to dwell with us, no matter how we have prepared for him.

God's blessings to you in this Advent season, and unto the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

In Christ,

Pastor Lisa

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

November 2, 2016 — 7:30 p.m.

### **Present:**

Neoma Harris, Nancy DeBoer, Rosemary Mohr, Dave Larson, Roger Campbell, Daniel Selland, Karen Niles, Cynthia Wall, Sharmel Olson, Lori Tonak, Pastor Lisa Heffernan

### **Absent:**

Dick Feltman, Terrold Menzie, Justin Graves, Pat Blum

### **Devotions:**

The meeting was called to order, Dave Larson led devotions.

### **Additions to Minutes:**

No additions were made to the agenda.

### **Reading of Minutes:**

Minutes were read; motion by Sharmel Olson to accept, second by Karen Niles. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Floor Tec and NW Energy have been paid.
- \$300 has been paid to the conference, \$250 has been paid to the Synod.
- Income/expenses are within \$500 of budget.
- 2017 Budget Proposal was presented.
- Update was given on the fundraising account.
- Motion to accept by Rosemary Mohr, second by Neoma Harris; motion passed.

### **Pastor's Report**

- Information was given on serving at The Banquet on December 3; a signup list will be started.
- Lutheran Outdoors is doing a fundraising campaign to purchase ground to expand NeSoDak.
- Camp registrations have opened for Lutheran Outdoors camps.

### **Correspondence**

- Thank you's were received from Caleb Menzie for a scholarship and St Dysmas for the congregational visit.

### **Committee Reports**

#### PROPERTY

- Garrett George has been contracted to remove snow at \$45.00/hour.
- Keith Osterberg will do the sidewalks.
- Still waiting for door installation.
- Updates/change of lighting in the sanctuary is being looked at.

## WORSHIP

- One Christmas Eve Service at 5:30.
- Confirmation students will do the advent wreath.
- Christmas falls on a Sunday and there will be a service.
- Community Thanksgiving Service will be on November 20, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran.

## STEWARDSHIP

- No Report

## EDUCATION

- Christmas Program will be December 14, 2016 at 7:00.
- Moved by Lori Tonak, second by Neoma Harris that we hold an intergenerational activity after church on December 4, 2016 to include cookie decorating, ornament decorating and blanket tying. Motion carried.

## Deacons

- Scholarship Brunch will be held after church November 6, 2016.
- Hot Chocolate and Christmas cookies will be served after the Christmas Program.

## Unfinished Business

- Discussion was held on creating a tuition line item in the budget for Kelly Longden.
- Moved by Cynthia Wall, second by Karen Niles that \$400.00 of the Mission Project money be used to pay Kelly Longden's housing bill. Motion carried.
- Moved by Lori Tonak, second by Sharmel Olson that poinsettias be purchased and delivered to the shut-ins of the parish. Motion carried.
- Reports for the Annual Report need to be submitted to Rosemary Mohr by January 4<sup>th</sup> so there is ample time to get the books done for the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2016.

## Next Meeting

- December 7, 2016 will be the next meeting.

## Adjournment

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



# DECEMBER 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11-1 Clark  5:30 pm Worship w/Communion
<b>4</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion  10:30 a.m.: Advent craft Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 2:00 p.m.: Text Study	<b>7</b> 5:30-7:00 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday—Confirmation  7:00 p.m. Choir  7:00 p.m. Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Church Council	<b>8</b> 11:30-3:00 Treehouse Program  7:00 p.m.: Deacons Meeting	<b>9</b> 11:30-3:00 Treehouse Program	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Worship w/Communion
<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship	<b>12</b> Cleaning Day	<b>13</b> Cleaning Day  11:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study  2:00 p.m.: Text Study	<b>14</b> Cleaning Day  5:30-7:00 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday—Confirmation  7:00 p.m.: Wowsome Christmas Program	<b>15</b> Cleaning Day  7:30 Men's Bible Study  11-3 Pastor's Meeting	<b>16</b> Cleaning Day	<b>17</b> 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
<b>18</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Evening piano recital	<b>21</b> <b>NO</b> Wowsome Wednesday—Confirmation  <b>NO</b> Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
<b>25 Merry Christmas</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>NO</b> Wowsome Wednesday—Confirmation  <b>NO</b> Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> No Worship Service