



Trinity News

December 2017

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed – WW & Confirmation
- Wed – Choir Practice
- Dec 3: Council Meeting
- Dec 10: 1st Communion
- Dec 12: Text Study
- Dec 20: Christmas Program
- Dec 14: Deacons Meeting
- Dec 19: Piano recital
- Dec 21: Men's Bible Study
- Dec 21: WELCA Bible Study
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 27: No Activities



from the desk of...

Pastor Lisa

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week I had the opportunity to spend some time with my brother, our mother, our uncle, and our grandparents for the Thanksgiving holiday. As my grandparents grow in years, that time becomes more and more special to each of us. Sure, every family gathering has its ups and downs (my grandparents had a car accident before we came to visit, but be assured that they are okay!), but this visit ended on a very big “up” for me. One of the last things we all said to one another was “See you at, or after, Christmas!” Those words made me want Christmas to happen immediately, just so we could get more time to spend together. “Advent? Pssh... who needs Advent? You mean I have to wait more than a month before seeing my family again, and celebrating the Nativity of Christ?!” was what I thought as we said our goodbyes for that visit. It took less than a day before I was changing my tune, at least a bit.

We were on the road again, and it seemed as though *every single radio station* was already playing Christmas music! It probably drove my family batty, but I kept switching the stations and grumbling “STOP! It’s not even Advent yet!! We need Advent!” Once again I was thinking “who needs Advent?”, but in a very different way. I was annoyed with the radio stations for pushing us to Christmas so quickly. As much as I wanted to leap through these four weeks, I also wanted to relish in them – to get the time to wait and prepare for the celebration of the Christ child’s birth with all of you!

Advent is a great time in the church, as we expectantly await Christ’s birth and look to his coming among us once again to reign. But it’s also a frustrating time. We want Jesus to be with us NOW. We want God to mend our world NOW. But, at the same time, we are invited to watch and to wait for the Advent – the coming – of our Lord.

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PRAYER LISTS

Pat Blum - TLC member
Waneta Bosworth - Cousin of Dixie Lloyd
Gene Carr - Uncle of Kaitlin Longden
Bernie Christiansen - Friend of Dixie Lloyd
Debi Cleland - Sister in law of Nancy DeBoer
Vivian Cleland - TLC member
Bobby Cournoyer - Friend of Mary Normile
Jake Esser - Uncle of Lilah Muellenberg
Gene Graves - TLC member
Kayleen Haiar - Granddaughter of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes
Rochelle Hopkins - Requested by Deb Selland
Bob Juhl - Father of Teena Mosel
Jackie Normile - Sister of Mike Normile
Gunner Olesen - Nephew of LeAnn Duvall
Kane Roberts - Friends of Roger & Judy Campbell
John Schissel - Father of Christy Graves
Marilyn Tounsley - TLC Member
Marian Truman - Mother of Nancy DeBoer
Barry Van Beber - Brother in law of Kay Hines
Lynette Van Beber - Sister in law of Kay Hines
John Wall - Father of Joe Wall

To Be Remembered:

Connie Bailey
Pat Blum
John Blumeyer
Don Borman
Ray Goeden
Emelia Hofwolt
Pam Houghteling
Winnie Keller
Amy Kenobbie
Deah Killion
John Koenig
Larry Larsen
Rianna Laurens
Mariah Normile
Glenn Osborne
Clifford Priebe
Mike Renbarger

Sue Robinson
Jill Schreiber
Joel Sprecher
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.

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 Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at Church.

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

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

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

DECEMBER SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector
December 3	Olson Family	Olson Family
December 10	3rd & 4th Graders	3rd & 4th Graders
December 17	OPEN	OPEN
December 24 a.m.	OPEN	OPEN
December 24 p.m.	OPEN	Mark Huber
December 31	OPEN	OPEN



Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning Service
Dec. 24, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

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To see the places where God in Jesus Christ is in our lives NOW, and to prepare yourself for seeing where God is about to do new things for us and for the world.

In these four weeks of Advent, I invite you to look ahead to Christmas with the same excitement and joy I have in waiting to see my extended family again. But – there is a but! – I also invite you to watch and to wait. To look ahead to the Nativity with hope, joy, and thankfulness for God coming down to earth as one of us. I invite you to look for God's presence in each moment of your lives as it comes to pass, so you don't miss the same gifts of hope, joy, and thankfulness that God has given us in this time of Advent.

In Christ,
Pastor Lisa



Wowsome Wednesday Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Treats to follow program

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Nov 5, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Present:

Rosemary Mohr, Terrold Menzie, Dick Feltman, Nancy DeBoer, Sharmel Olson, Neoma Harris, Danny Selland

Absent:

Lori Tonak, Dave Larson

Devotions:

The meeting was called to order, Nancy DeBoer led devotions

Additions to Minutes:

No additions to the agenda was made.

Reading of Minutes:

The minutes were read and a motion was made to accept them by Rosemary with Dick seconding them. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The endowment progress was discussed.
- All accounts balance.
- Next year's budget was presented.
- A motion to accept the report was made by Neoma and seconded by Rosemary. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

- Lutheran Outdoors.
- A thank you note from Luther Seminary for our tuition support for Kelly Longden.
- Letter from Lutheran World Relief

Committee Reports:

PROPERTY

- There is a faulty electrical plug that needs to be repaired.
- The old chair racks are being sent to the hospital

WORSHIP

- Reformation activities went well.
- Advent will begin soon.
- Confirmation families will be lighting the Advent wreath this year.
- The new bulletin format is getting praises from the congregation.

STEWARDSHIP

- The 2018 council will consist of 6 adults and 1 youth.

EDUCATION

- December 20th will be the Christmas program.
- First communion classes will start next Sunday.

Deacons:

- Discussion about doing more service activities, prayer list was updated

Pastor's Report:

- Will be doing a baptism in December.
- Will take a vacation on thanksgiving break.
- Plans to use the majority of continuing education budget for a certificate program in disability ministry due to interest, and lack of reasonably priced continuing education opportunities in the area.

Unfinished Business:

- A new committee will be formed to oversee the endowment.

New Business:

- Discussion of who will do the church's audit this year.
- Noisy offering for December will go to Feeding South Dakota
- November Offering tellers are Dick Feltman and an assortment of council members.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Offering Tellers</u>
December	Rosemary	Lori and TBD
January	Lori Tonak	Sharmel and Rosemary

Next Meeting:

- Sunday, December 3, 2017 will be the next meeting
- Next month's devotions by Rosemary.

Adjournment:

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Deacons meeting

Thursday November 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Present: Alice Bunker, Kay Kjonegaard, Deb Selland, Kay Hines, Lori Tonak, and Pastor Lisa

Absent: Dotty Hieb, Keith Osterberg, Judy Swanson, and Marilyn Tounsley

DEVOTIONS: Alice Bunker (Prayer for Veterans)

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Approved by Kay Hines, seconded by Alice Bunker

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Scholarship Account Update
 - A. Minimum Balance is \$500.00
 - B. D Thompson Info Received – Check sent to DSU, Pastor Lisa will check w/ Jeff on account info
2. Update of Service Project for Assisted Living
 - A. Information/ Ideas were shared by Kay and Deb concerning needs of residents at an assisted living home in Chamberlain.
 - B. A motion was made by Kay Hines to provide personal hygiene items, seconded by Alice Bunker . This information will be put in the newsletter/bulletins until Dec14th. Gift Bags will be provided to package items received
 - C. At a later date the deacons will discuss what other community activities to give to and how often. Idea: Outlaw Ranch -- new games or provide missing pieces. Also to be discussed at a later date

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming Scholarship Brunch: Tabled until Jan/Feb
2. Christmas Program Treats: Program is Dec 20 at 7:00 pm. Deacons will provide 2 dozen cookies or bars each, Will also serve chocolate milk (4 gal) and coffee
3. Christmas Cards: To be mailed out between Dec 10th -13th
4. Pastor Lisa Comments/Reports: Appreciation to Deacons for their ministry to the people of Trinity, Deacon List still needs extra info
5. Updated Deacon List: Address and information changes, discussion on membership need get well cards sent
6. Review of Prayer List: Updated by Lori Tonak and Kay Hines
7. December Deacon - Deb Selland
8. Next Meeting - Thurs Dec 14, 2017

ADDITIONS:

1. Poinsettias: Delivering to several church members, will be delivered after Dec 3rd by deacons, Pastor Lisa will contact Deacons when the poinsettias arrive

CLOSING: Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Deb Selland, Secretary

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 5:30 pm Worship w/Communion
3 9:30 a.m.: Worship 10:30 a.m.: Church Council Meeting	4	5	6 5:30 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday - Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	7	8	9 5:30 pm Worship w/Communion
10 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion 1st Communion - Children singing	11	12 2:00 p.m.: Text Study	13 5:30 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday - Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	14 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting	15	16 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
17 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion	18	19 6:30 p.m. Piano recital	20 5:30 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday - Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Christmas Program	21 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m.: Women's Bible Study	22	23 No Service
24 9:30 a.m.: Worship 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service w/Communion	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27 No Activities	28	29	30 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
31 New Year's Eve 9:30 a.m.: Worship						