

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2012

## **PASTOR'S PONDERINGS;**

Dear Members of Trinity,

As Lutherans we follow a church year. The year begins with Advent and continues with Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and then the long Pentecost season. Advent begins either the last Sunday in November or the first Sunday in December.

I love the Advent season of the year. One of the reasons might be that the color for Advent is blue and blue has always been a favorite color of mine. I also love the Advent hymns. Unfortunately with the rush to celebrate Christmas we don't have the opportunity to sing many of the Advent hymns. I find the Advent hymns to be very meaningful since they deal with the theme of Advent.

The theme of Advent can best be summarized by using a verse from last Sunday's second lesson.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega" says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. (Revelation 1:8)

**THE GOD WHO WAS:** Advent is a time to look back to God coming to earth, taking on the form of a human being when Jesus was born to Mary in Bethlehem. Advent reminds us of the great gift God gave to us and is a chance to prepare to celebrate that gift at Christmas.

**THE GOD WHO IS:** Advent reminds us that God continues to come to us in many ways. When we gather for worship, Christ is with us. Jesus is present in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Jesus is with us when we reach out a

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## **WOWSOME WEDNESDAY**

The Wowsome Wednesday kids will present their Christmas program on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. They will have their regular class time at 6:00 with the program following. After the program there will be ice cream sundaes!

## **TOP CHRISTMAS HYMNS**

The votes are in and we will be singing the favorite Christmas carols voted on by the members of Trinity. We begin on the first Sunday in Advent with the two hymns that were tied for 8th place and continue to Christmas Eve were the four carols voted as the favorites will be sung



Check on the website for a list of the top hymns voted on previously and being sung in previous weeks.

## **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Our church will be sponsoring the community blood drive on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be taken from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. You may sign up to give blood, provide cookies, water or juice, or to phone people. Contact Jeff at 234-6979 or 730-0553. Drop ins are also welcome. What a better gift to give at Christmas than the gift of life!

## **WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY**

The Women's Evening Bible Study group will meet December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, at the home of Rosemary Mohr (107 Lizzie's Lane). All women are invited to attend.





## **PRAYER LIST**

Connie Bailey – friend of Larry & Elaine Larson  
Lezlie Blasius – friend of Lori Tonak  
Shirley Feltman – Trinity Member  
Ron Feltman – Trinity Member  
Karla Gould – mother of Noah Gould  
Kayleen Haiar – granddaughter of Charlotte Geerdes  
Chad Hope – son of Rolf Hope  
Karen Kraus – friend of Margie Neugebauer  
Riana Laurens-sister-in-law of Colleen Venter  
Lora Means – relative of Joyce Wevik  
Melody Munger – friend of Melissa Hall and  
Sharmel Olson  
Carol Naescher – friend of Maryalice Larson  
Mike Nepodal – friend of Maria Birch  
Kevin Normile – brother of Mike Normile  
Susan Normile – Trinity member  
Danielle Rea – friend of Marcella Jensen  
Wes Schaub – friend of Dianne Graves  
Lowell Surat -  
Stanley Tybrac- brother of Elaine Larsen  
Kim Tyrell – friend of Maryalice Larson  
Richard Tesch – husband of Mary White Bird/Tesch  
Mindy Wahlquist – friend of Maryalice Larson  
Jade Wilkens – grandson of Jim Wilkens

## **TO BE REMEMBERED**

Lori Miller Boeding – Dwain Miller's Daughter  
John Blumeyer-brother-in-law of Charlotte Geerdes  
Don Borman-cousin of Charlotte Geerdes  
Aleigha Buum – gr granddaughter of Buum's  
Jim Butler-friend of Maryalice Larson  
Gail Danhour- sister of Larry Larsen  
Ray Goeden -  
Winnie Keeler - requested by Deacons  
Bridget Kendrick – great niece of Marcella Jensen  
Deah Killion – Trinity member  
Mariah Normile – Trinity Member  
Gunnar Oleson – nephew of Leanne DuVall  
Deb Selland – Trinity Member  
Janice Selland –Trinity Member  
Jill Schrieber – friend of Dianne Graves  
Cindy Wilkens – Trinity Member

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helping hand to those in need. Jesus is with us when we face the difficulties of life. Advent reminds us that the God who came to us at Christmas is the God who continues to come to us today.

**THE GOD WHO IS TO COME:** Finally, Advent reminds us that our time on earth is limited and there will be a time when God will come and take us home to be with Jesus in heaven. So Advent encourages us to be prepared for none of us knows when our time on earth will come to an end.

Advent is a time of preparation. We are encouraged to prepare ourselves so that we can celebrate Christ first coming. We are encouraged to find ways to prepare ourselves for worship and receiving Holy Communion so that we can more meaningfully experience Christ coming to us today. Finally we are to be prepared at all times so that when our time on earth is over Christ will welcome us home to be with him in heaven.

December becomes so busy with baking, decorating, attending programs, shopping, etc. that it is easy to put our spiritual disciplines on hold. But when we do the commercialization of Christmas can over take us. During the month of December and the season of Advent we need to again put our personal devotions, worship attendance and communion participation in first place. When we do so we will be prepared to celebrate Christ who came, who continues to come and will come again.

My wish is that each and every one of you will have a very meaningful Advent and a joyous Christmas.

Your Friend in Christ,

Pastor Duane

### **Missions of the Church**

Prayer List cont.

Prison Congregations of America  
St.Dysmas at Springfield, SD  
**Those in Service to the U.S.**

We pray for all Adam Larson and all the military units that have been called to active duty overseas and their families. We also pray for all who have been wounded in service to our country.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**Dec. 1: Kevin Graber**  
**Dec. 1: John Shepherd**  
**Dec. 7: Connor Murphy**  
**Dec. 11: Nicholas White Bird**  
**Dec. 12: Scott Dougherty**  
**Dec. 12: Kyle Haiar**  
**Dec. 17: Joe Wall**  
**Dec. 18: Julie Menzie**  
**Dec. 18: Hope Turgeon**  
**Dec. 18: Anthony Machado**  
**Dec. 19: Cynthia Wall**  
**Dec. 19: Emily Wall**  
**Dec. 20: Melissa Plank**  
**Dec. 24: Jake Reimer**  
**Dec. 26: Dasaine LaCroix**  
**Dec. 29: Gary Goodman**

### **Anniversaries**

**Dec. 6 – Darrell & Cara Miller**  
**Dec. 27 – Don & Nancy DeBoer**  
**Dec. 27 – Larry & Arlys Abernathy**



### **DECEMBER SERVICE MINISTERS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>HOSTS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>CANTOR</b>
DEC. 2	Blackwells	Normile	Normile
DEC. 9	Weviks		
DEC. 16	Swason	Mark Huber	
DEC. 23	Kringen Family		
DEC. 24 4:00pm 5:30 pm			
DEC. 30			

### **THE BANQUET**

Trinity and St. James Catholic will be providing and serving the noon meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Saturday, December 8. They plan on serving 350-400 people that Saturday and costing about \$600 (which will be split between the 2 churches). Milk runs about \$70 a meal. If you are interested in working the prep shift or the serving shift (10:4am-1:00pm-ish), please let Pastor or Stacey Tveit know. They need numbers by Monday, December 3rd.

The Banquet is also collecting underwear and socks to give out as Christmas presents this year. If you would like to donate either or both of these you can bring them to church and place them in the box and they will be taken to the Banquet on the 8th. You are encouraged to buy items that would fit you or your children.

### **LUTEFISK/LEFSE UPDATES**

Ole goes into a lumber yard to buy some 2x4's. "May I help you", asks the salesman. "How long do you want' em? Ole replies: "Oh, for long time. I'm building a house."

As the planning committee we do want to say a huge thank you to each and every volunteer who joined together to make the lutefisk supper a success! Feeding 150 hungry people takes lots of teamwork! Each year we feel we receive excellent help from everyone. This is a wonderful community of Christian fellowship to which we belong.

We have a small amount of lutefisk left in the church freezer. Cost is \$11 for 2 pounds. Please give any money for lefse, lutefisk or the supper to Mary Normile.

Watch the newsletter or the annual meeting report to see the how much money was raised and how the council determines it should be used. If you have suggestions for us for future suppers please contact Mary Brown, Mary Normile, Judy Swanson or Jeff Tveit. Thank you for all you did to make this year's supper a success!! Mark Sunday, November 10, 2013 on your calendar for next year!!



**Trinity Lutheran Church Council**  
**Wednesday, November 7, 2012**

**Present** ~ Pat Blum, Bob Brown, Rolf Hope, Mark Huber, Gary Kringen, Matthew Menzie, Karen Niles, Deb Schaub, Jeff Tveit, and Joe Wall

**Absent** ~ Judy Campbell, Shelly Goodman, Dave Larson, and Pastor Duane

**Devotions** ~ The meeting was called to order by President Pat. Jeff led devotions.

**Minutes of last meeting** ~ Minutes of the October meeting were read. Motion by Bob, seconded by Joe to approved, motion carried.

**Treasurers Reports ~**

- Fundraising account report by Mary Normile, account balance \$1,052.43. Motion by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to accept the report, motion carried.
- Regular accounts report by Russ Denke, checking account balance \$5,085.60. Motion by Deb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen to accept the report, motion carried.

**Correspondence ~**

- Lutheran Outdoors camp Atlantic Mountain will be closing this next year.
- Lutheran Outdoors sent their annual fundraising request.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education:**

- Wowsome Wednesday student's nativity scene fundraiser netted \$460 thus far. November Wowsome Wednesday offerings will also go towards this. Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, a sheep and a cow have been purchased ½ price. Judy Swanson is coordinating the construction of a manger.

**Property:**

- The gutters and downspouts will be replaced in December.
- Motion by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff to grant the property committee to purchase a step ladder for the needed length for the church's lights which can be accommodated in a storage area. The funds will come from the building fund. Motion carried.

**Stewardship:**

- Each of the council stewardship members are sharing information on stewardship at the worship services this month.

**Worship:**

- The Sunday's service will be the Women's Thankoffering service.
- The top Advent/Christmas/Epiphany hymn ballots will be put out the next 3 weeks.

**Deacons:**

- No report was available.

**Pastor's Report Highlights:**

- No report was available.

**Unfinished Business ~**

- Karen & Deb passed out the pastor evaluation form. These need to be completed and returned to Pat by the next council meeting. They will also distribute them to the deacons and church secretary.

**New Business ~**

- Motion by Deb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark for December's noisy offering to go to Lutheran Outdoors. Motion carried.
- The Treehouse cleaning and contract were discussed. Pat will get the current contract. She will also contact Dakota Milestones for possibilities to be hired for cleaning by church members.
- Motion by Deb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen to appoint a committee of Matthew, Pastor & Mike Normile to purchase a new office computer with ample memory with Thrivent Choice dollars. Motion carried.
- Motion by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to accept Rob Stickney, Peyton Stickney, Julie Klages, and Cindy Taber as new members on November 17/18<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.
- Motion by Deb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff for Vonnie to find quotes and designs for a new office chair to present to at the next council meeting. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting**

December 5, 2012 will be the next meeting. Pat has devotions.

**Adjourn**

Deb moved, Shelly 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Jeff Tveit, Secretary