



Trinity News

December 2020

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed: Wowsome Wed. & Confirmation
- Dec 6: Council Meeting
- Dec 8: Mens Bible Study
- Dec 8: Text Study
- Dec 22: Text Study
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Worship
- Dec 25: Merry Christmas
- Dec 31: New Year's Eve



from the desk of...

Pastor Lisa

Dear friends in Christ,

Advent blessings to you! I wanted to take the opportunity here to share an update concerning our worship plans for the rest of December and for Christmas eve. Council met this morning and decided that we will gather in person and online for worship in December. The council asks that you continue to wear face mask and distance yourselves during our services. And if you or someone in your home is sick, we encourage you to worship from home.

Our Christmas eve worship is one of my favorite services we do here at Trinity. It's wonderful to see the community gather and rejoice at the birth of our Savior. We'll still do that this year, but with some important changes made out of concern and love for each one of you and your families.

On Christmas eve, you can attend our Candlelight services at 4:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. The council decided to "cap" each service at having 50 people gathered in the sanctuary. Starting Tuesday December 8th through Tuesday December 22nd, you can call the church or send an email to myself or April our secretary and let us know which service you will attend, and how many friends or family will be joining you. We plan to livestream both services on Facebook and will have some overflow seating and a livestream set up in the fellowship hall for a small number of people from the community who may be joining us last minute. Wearing face masks will be required, and we will set extras out for anyone who may need one.

The council and I would like to extend our thanks for your adaptability and understanding that things will look different this year. We are thankful that we can still gather in community for Christmas

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PRAYER LISTS

Margaret Beck – Grandmother of Willow Kott
Wade Beringer – Friend of Dotty Hieb
Oona Bieberly – Friend of MaryAlice Larson
Terry Bisbee – Brother of Dean Bisbee
Bob Brandis – Brother-in-Law of Dotty Hieb
Lowell Carlson – Friend of Judy Swanson
Vivian Cleland – TLC member
Audrey Doty – Sister of Arlene Shrake
Lyle & Lorna DeHaai – Friend of Dotty Hieb
Barb Geranen – Relative of Pastor Lisa
Dwayne Graves – Family of Dianne Graves
Kayleen Haiar – Granddaughter of Charlotte &
Loren Geerdes
Gena Heinert – Family of Dotty Hieb
Sandy Hook – Friend of Mary Brown
Ruth Jibbens – Mother of VaLoy Wilkins
Bette Juhl – Mother of Teena Mosel
Bob Juhl – Father of Teena Mosel
Marcia Kindt – Grandmother of Bryan Kindt &
Eryanne Normile
Jaxon Larson – Nephew of Neoma Harris
Jackie Normile – Sister of Mike Normile
Gunner Olesen – Nephew of LeAnn Duvall
Glenn Osborne – Brother of Deb Selland
Denise Plecity – Sister of Deanna Hagan
Travis Powell – Friend of Nancy DeBoer
Mike Selland – TLC member
Joel Sprecher – Brother of Paula Feltman
Ann & Boyd Thiel – Family friends of Dianne
Graves

To Be Remembered:

Larry Abernathy
Connie Bailey
Leonard Buum
Micah Ellis
Ray Goeden
Jared Houska
Winnie Keller
Amy Kenobbie

Deah Killion
Larry Larsen
Rianna Laurens
Mariah Normile
Clifford Priebe
Sue Robinson
Cindy Wilkens

Those in service to our country:

Chuck Hagan
Krista Osborne
Ethan Trobaugh
Ethan Weisz

Missions of the Church:

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

We also pray for Wopila House 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.

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. 7: Gary Harris
Dec. 12: Owen Warejcka
Dec. 13: Gwendolyn Brown
Dec. 17: Joe Wall
Dec. 18: Julie Menzie
Dec. 18: Hope Turgeon
Dec. 19: Cynthia 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
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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, Nov 1, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Present

Terrold Menzie, Sharmel Olson, Rosemary Mohr, Kathi Andersen, Neoma Harris

Absent

Jonah Mosel, Mike Bunker

Devotions

The meeting was called to order, Pastor Lisa led the devotion for Mike Bunker.

Additions to agenda

Nothing was added to the agenda.

Reading of Minutes

The minutes were not available for review. They will be emailed out for approval.

Treasurer's Report

- \$9,000.00 plus in income for the month. This didn't include the "Helpers Fund" which was around \$800.00.
- A little over \$9,100.00 was the expenses which were normal for the month. Income was more than expenses.
- Applied for a forgiveness for the PPP loan for around \$11,000.00. Should find out within the next week if that gets approved.
- Terrold made the motion to approve the report and Neoma seconded it and the motion passed.

Correspondence

- No correspondence was received during the month.

Committee Reports

PROPERTY

- Garret will continue to plow the snow for us when needed.
- The list is complete with the exception of the lights.

WORSHIP

- Paula Feltman will be stepping down from the Alter Guild. The group will be seeking to add new members.
- Pastor Lisa will be visiting with the committee to determine the Advent and Christmas Eve worship services.

STEWARDSHIP

- Moved to unfinished business.

EDUCATION

- Wowsome Wednesday will start this week as does Confirmation. A craft ornament will be made by the younger children, which will go to the care facility residents in town.

Deacons

- Updated the prayer list and member list.
- Interested in making gift baskets for the Care Center and the Assisted Living centers in town.
- Purchasing boutonnieres for the confirmation class.

Pastor's Report

- Will be visiting with the third and fourth grade parents regarding first communion classes.

Maybe will shift to spring.

- Two will be confirmed this year.
- Will be taking off the week of Thanksgiving and will be gone for the Sunday after.

Unfinished Business

- The church website will be updated by Ron, after changes are sent to him by Pastor Lisa and different ministry leaders.
- The partnership with the Church on the Street is still in the works. Rebel would like to provide a service at some point for our congregation.
- December 6 will hold the special meeting for the resolution to allow the church to hold a virtual church meeting in the future. Will need at least 10% at the meeting to have a quorum. Some issues that will have to be worked out before we can have an actual virtual meeting is which program will be used, how will those on the phone vote, and which platform, (laptop, phone, other) will be used as well as any special gear needed.

New Business

- COVID update. Some members have asked if the church will be continuing to meet in person. Options were discussed but it was decided that we would meet virtually for the next two weeks and have the Dec 6th meeting the next in-person session. The other exception is the confirmation class which will have an in-person session. Other things discussed was the requirement of masks which will be required. Signs will be posted on the doors to let those that enter know of the requirements. Neoma made the motion to have these as requirements and Kathi seconded it. The motion carried. Communion will take place by appointment until further notice.
- The Synod day will occur next Saturday at 11:00 am via a live stream.
- November's noisy offering will be going to Feeding South Dakota.
- December noisy offering was motioned by Rosemary to have it split 50:50 to go to both St. James Food Pantry and the Ministerial Traveler's fund. It was seconded by Terrold and it carried.

Monthly Devotion and Offering Teller schedule

Month	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Offering Tellers</u>
April	Kathi	Kathi
May	Sharmel	Sharmel
June	TBD	TBD
July	Terrold	Terrold
August	Sharmel	Sharmel
September	Mike	Mike
October	Terrold	Rosemary
November	Mike	Rosemary
December	Terrold	Terrold
January	Jonah	Rosemary
February	TBD	Rosemary
March	TBD	TBD

Next Meeting

Sunday, Dec 6, 2020 at 10:30 AM will be the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Trinity Lutheran Deacon's Minutes

October 8, 2020

Present: Dianne Graves, Erica Sundall, Alice Bunker, Jen Reimer, Dotty Hieb, Courtney Haugen and Pastor Lisa Heffernan.

Absent: Karen Niles, Dave Larson

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

Alice Bunker opened the meeting with devotions that were helpful to hear during this time of COVID-19.

The minutes from the September 10 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Erica Sundall, second by Alice Bunker. Motion approved.

The treasurer's report was given with \$2,963.69 in the scholarship fund.

Old Business:

- The service project for the residents of the hospital, Riverview Retirement Home and the Regency Assisted Living was discussed at length. There are 67 residents. Two Thrivent cards can be used to assist us with filling the gift bags with activity books, word search books, crossword puzzles, coloring books, individually wrapped cookies and hand sanitizer. Jen Reimer will research Oriental Trading for reasonably priced items. She will e-mail the other deacons on her results. Alice Bunker has a Thrivent card and will apply for another. We plan to spend approximately \$7.00 on each bag. The deacons will fill the bags at the next meeting on November 12. Courtney Haugen will contact Rachel Frye regarding the cookies. Dianne Graves will order items on-line.
- Dianne Graves mentioned the nice thank you from Dave Larson to herself and the deacons for the card sent on the death of his father.

New Business:

- Trinity Lutheran confirmands will be recognized on November 8.
- Pastor Lisa spoke welcoming of the many new members joining Trinity. Their address and information will be given to Courtney to add to the list of members and to Dotty for the distribution lists. Pastor Lisa appreciates what was done for her for Pastor Appreciation Month very much.
- The prayer list was reviewed, and changes made as necessary.
- The deacons were reminded to contact members on their lists for any updates.
- The Fall School Kick-Off has been put on hold.
- Thanksgiving cards will be organized and be distributed to deacons at the next meeting.

from the desk of... Pastor Lisa

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eve in this way and look forward to celebrating Jesus's birth together. Much has happened this year that is hard or different, but may we always know that God journeys with us through all of it.

Peace,

Pastor Lisa

Trinity Lutheran Deacons Meeting

November 12, 2020

Present: Dianne Graves, Erica Sundall, Alice Bunker, Jen Reimer, Dotty Hieb, Cortney Haugen, and Pastor Lisa Heffernan

Absent: Karen Niles, Dave Larson

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

Cortney Haugen opened the meeting with devotions.

The minutes from the October 8th meeting were reviewed. Cortney Haugen moved to approve the minutes; Jen Reimer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The treasurers report was given with \$2,963.69 in the Scholarship Fund.

Old Business:

- A. Deacons will be packaging gifts for the residents in our local care facilities after the meeting tonight to be distributed. Package includes Worry Stones, arts and crafts items, Cookie, book-mark, etc.
- B. Deacons are reminded to update their membership list and contact Cortney with changes. New members will need to be added to deacons list.

New Business:

- A. Thanksgiving Cards are ready for distribution. Deacons are to mail out by November 19th.
 - New members were divided up among deacons to mail Thanksgiving Cards.
- B. Pastor Lisa updates
 - There will be no in person services for at least the next two weeks. There will be a short meeting after December 6th service to vote on amendment to allow virtual attendance for annual meeting in January.
 - No Christmas program from the kids this year, no Community Thanksgiving meal either.
- C. Prayer list was reviewed
- D. Community Activities
 - In place of December meeting, deacons would like to pack Goodie Bags for the Wow-some Wednesday kids to distribute. Dotty will speak with Sharmel to find out best time to distribute bags to children. Items discussed to include were Popcorn Balls, Holiday Candy, Worry Stones, FFA Fruit.
 - Al's will not have Poinsettias this year. The local Flower shops are expensive, and ACE will not be carrying them either. We would like to keep business local so in place of Poinsettias, Al's said they will have rose bowls for \$5-\$6 apiece. We may go with those for distribution to members this year.
 - It was decided not to have Angel Tree at Church this year due to difficult logistic circumstances. We will try for an Easter Angel Tree instead.

The meeting ended with all deacons praying the Lord's Prayer.

Motion to adjourn was made by Erica Sundall, seconded by Alice Bunker. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting will be December 10, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Sundall

December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5th and 6 th Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm	3	4	5
6 9:30 Worship 10:30 Congregational and Council Mtg	7	8 6:30 – Men’s Bible Study 2:00 Text Study	9 5th and 6 th Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm	10	11	12
13 9:30 Worship	14	15	16 5th and 6 th Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm	17	18	19
20 9:30 Worship	21	22 1:300 Text Study	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship	25 	26
27 9:30 Worship	28	29	30	31 		