## rinity News

January 2021

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#### **POINTS OF INTEREST:**

Wed: Wowsome Wed. & Confirmation Jan 3: Council Meeting Jan 12: Mens Bible Study Jan 12: Text Study Jan 13: Deacon's Meeting Jan 18: Cont. Education week - Pastor Lisa Jan 20: No Wowsome Wed & Confirmation Jan 21: Women's Bible Study Jan 31: Annual Meeting





from the desk of...

Pastor Lisa

Dear Friends in Christ,

A blessed and happy new year to you! As you read this, we have left the hard year that was 2020. Has everything that was hard about it simply gone away now that the calendar has changed? No. We still carry many challenges, concerns, and struggles into this new year. But we also carry, I pray, a bit of renewed hope for all that God may do for and with us in 2021. It is with hope for a great and healthy year for our congregation that we look ahead to our annual meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> after worship. Please look for future announcements about online participation.

I ask you to prayerfully consider taking on a role of leadership this year. What gifts has God given you to share with our congregation and community? Where do you feel God leading you? In my now seven years here as your pastor, I have gotten to see and experience some great leadership and dedication from many of you. I feel very blessed by all that we continue to do together. What can we do or be next? God's leading us in that, as we move forward in faith. So, as you discern your roles in our life together, I ask that you also pray for those who will remain in leadership roles in 2021 too.

Last year had its great things, and some very hard ones. May we do our best to serve God together, whatever this next year brings to us. As we do the works of discipleship, remember that God remains with us, sustains us, offering life and peace in both joy and hardship. I look forward to the coming days and weeks, and I pray you do as well. We are the church together. We are God's people—the people of resurrection hope—called to share Christ's grace and promise of new life.

May our transition into this new year bring new life and joy to our congregation, all who serve as our leaders here, and to us all.

> Peace, Pastor Lisa

## **PRAYER LISTS**

Wade Beringer - Friend of Dotty Hieb Oona Bieberly – Friend of MaryAlice Larson Terry Bisbee – Brother of Dean Bisbee 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 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 Denise Plecity – Sister of Deanna Hagan Travis Powell - Friend of Nancy DeBoer Jacky Ross - Grandmother of Pastor Lisa Heffernan 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 Glenn Osborne 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. Dysmas 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

Jan. 1: Kay Hines Jan. 2: Harry Munkvold Jan. 6: Rowen Longhenry Jan. 7: Marlys Buum Jan. 7: Kay Kjonegaard Jan. 9: Alexis Schaub Jan. 13: Keith Osterberg Jan. 13: Keith Osterberg Jan. 18: Kellen Meyerink Jan. 20: Mike Bunker Jan. 20: Caleb Reimer Jan. 20: Caleb Reimer Jan. 22: Kayleen Haiar Jan. 24: Sandy Rasmussen Jan. 26: Kelly Longden Jan. 29: Mary Brown Jan. 29: Julie Woodruff Jan. 30: Stacey Tveit Jan. 31: Teena Mosel ANNIVERSARIES Jan 11: Keith & Ardyce Osterberg



### JANUARY SERVICE MINISTERS

Date

Host

Lector

## **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

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

#### Present:

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

#### Absent:

Jonah Mosel

#### **Devotions:**

The meeting was called to order, Terrold led the devotions.

#### Additions to agenda:

Nothing was added to the agenda.

#### Reading of Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and Neoma made the motion to accept with Mike making the second. The motion carried.

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

- Just under \$8,500.00 was the income for the month.
- A little over \$9,500.00 was the expenses which were normal for the month. Income was less than expenses. The purchase of supplies for the upcoming holiday seemed to be cause of the deficit.
- The forgiveness for the PPP loan for around \$11,000.00 last month was forgiven which helped with the budget.
- The Thrivent fund rose almost \$3000.00. That was good news
- Next years budget will be amended and sent out sometime in December. It will be sent out to the council in an email and will be voted on at the January council meeting.
- Terrold made the motion to approve the report and Mike seconded it and the motion passed.

#### **Correspondence:**

No correspondence was received during the month.

#### **Committee Reports:**

PROPERTY

- Everything with the exception of the sidewalk was completed on the list. It'll be moved to 2021.
- The progress on the sound deadening material that was proposed was discussed. It will be re-evaluated and possibly installed in 2021.
- The setting of the thermostats was also sent to the committee to review by members of the congregation. There wasn't an option that would satisfy everyone and it will be set and left.

#### WORSHIP

• The Christmas Eve service schedule was discussed by the worship committee. They proposed a second service and wanted guidance on how to make the two services work. Suggestions include having a sign up for one of the two services. Other considerations were a cap of 50 per service. Each service will have to have their own ushers and other assistants. Singing will be limited to two songs, Silent Night at the end and maybe another one at some point in the service. The use of battery-operated candles will prevent people from blowing. No communion

will be offered to minimize possible spread. The council discussed these options and having two services was the consensus with the times being 4:00 and 7:00. Making reservations was the consensus with a cap at 50. The back room could be used as an overflow if needed but it'll have to be setup for sound and video. The newsletter will inform the congregations need to sign up for the service they will be attending. The paper will be sought and information on the services will be placed in it as well. The books will be removed, masks will be required and music will be provided via instrumental.

• In person worship will be continued for December and we will leave it up to the individual as to whether or not they want to come to service with the restrictions of masks, social distancing and staying home if you are experiencing any of the symptoms. Each month the council will continue this discussion to reflect any changes in community infection rates.

#### STEWARDSHIP:

- Need to have a meeting with the committee to discuss the class that will held in January. An online option will be proposed for this.
- The package of stuff for Church on the Street will have to be done soon.

#### EDUCATION:

- Wowsome Wednesday will send out the packets this Wednesday with a gift from the deacons.
- No Christmas program for this year.
- A modified Milestone Sunday may be in the works. This will depend on the infection rate and if in person services are provided.
- Confirmation class is progressing with seventh graders going one week and eighth and ninth graders going every other week.

#### Deacons:

- Updated the prayer list and member list.
- They put together gift bags for our care facility and assisted living center.
- They put together a treat bag for the Wowsome Wednesday kids.
- They will be discussing their members as some will be leaving the committee.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- Very thankful for the assistance she's received.
- She will be involved in her online class the week of the nineteenth so she will be hold up at home all of those days.
- Scheduled communion for the congregation will be better promoted.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

• The partnership with Church on the Street was discussed. We would like Rebel to provide the congregation with a presentation of some sort to inform the congregation about their program. The plan is to have her come here sometime next month.

#### New Business:

- The annual meeting will be January 31, 2021. Report from the committees will need to be sent in by the 15<sup>th</sup> so they can be sent out with the agenda.
- Gratuities for Ron, Will, and April were discussed and Rosemary made the motion for them to receive gratuities of various amounts with Neoma seconding it. The motion carried.

- December noisy offering was split 50:50 between St. James Food Pantry and the Ministerial Traveler's fund.
- A motion was made by Terrold to continue the 50:50 split for January's noisy offering which was seconded by Neoma. It carried.

#### Monthly Devotion and Offering Teller schedule

Month	Devotions	Offering Tellers
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	Terrold
March	TBD	TBD

#### Next Meeting:

• Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 10:30 AM will be the next meeting.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

## Deacon meeting minutes

Wed. Dec. 9, 2020 @ 8:30 AM

Before the meeting the deacons did the following activity:

Wowsome Christmas gift bags for students

Present: Dotty Hieb, Dianne Graves, Deb Selland, Cortney Haugen, and Pastor Lisa

Absent: Dave Larson, Erica Sundall, Karen Niles, Alice Bunker, Jen Reimer

Devotions given by Dianne Graves

**Approval of prior meeting minutes of Nov. 12, 2020:** Motion to approve by Dianne Graves, Seconded by Cortney Haugen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, given by Dianne Graves: No change to TLC Scholarship account.

#### Old Business: None

#### New Business:

- 1. Christmas card distribution, mail by 12/17
- 2. Member terms: Four terms are up at the end of January, but three people are eligible for a second term
- 3. New member mentors: Need deacons to volunteer to help new members become more familiar with the different ministries of the congregation.
- 4. 2021 Deacon Prayer list schedule: Passed around
- 5. Standing Items:
  - a. Pastor Lisa updates/comments: Christmas eve and Sunday services will be in person and online.
  - b. Prayer list: Updated by Dotty and Cortney
  - c. Community activities/needs/ meal gift certificates: None at this time
  - d. Events of Month/s ahead:
    - Poinsettia purchase and distribution
    - Annual meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>: Dotty will write and send report
- 6. January deacon: Cortney Haugen
- 7. Next meeting: January 14, 2021

#### Adjournment

Lord's Prayer

--Submitted by Deb Selland, Deacon secretary

# January

## 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:30 Worship 10:30 Council Mtg	4	5	6 5th and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship	11	12 6:30 – Men's Bible Study 2:00 Text Study	13 5th and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm	14 Deacons meeting—5:30 pm	15	16
17 9:30 Worship	18 Cont. Ed week—Pastor Lisa	19	20 5th and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade WW, NO CONFIRMATION:	21 4:00 – Women's Bible Study	22	23
24 9:30 Worship	25	26	27 5th and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm	28	29	30
31 9:30 Worship 10:30—Annual meeting						