



# Trinity News

February 2021

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## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed: Wowsome Wed. & Confirmation
- Feb 7: Council Meeting
- Feb 9: Mens Bible Study
- Feb 9: Text Study
- Feb 11: Deacon's Meeting
- Feb 17: Ash Wed Service with Communion
- Feb 23: Text Study
- Feb 24: Lenten Service
- Feb 25: Women's Bible Study



*from the desk of...*

*Pastor Lisa*

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I meet with my spiritual director every month on Zoom, I often ask her the same question, "What sort of spiritual practices or disciplines can help me connect with God more deeply in my personal life?". The thing is, it is honestly pretty hard for me to find one devotional to focus on or find one way to pray. I really do struggle with it. She challenges me with different things and activities from time to time, some of which "stick" while others don't. And that can be frustrating. Maybe you find yourself in the same boat sometimes too?

Well, the worship committee and I got to visit the other day and we thought that Lent offered us a great time to explore spiritual disciplines and practices as a community of faith. Lent is itself a time of self-reflection, prayer, preparation, and learning about what it means to follow Jesus in the days before Holy Week and Easter. So we want to take this time together in our midweek worship services for all of that. Our Lenten theme this year comes from a liturgy called "Purple Theory: A Lenten Theory on Spiritual Disciplines".

From Ash Wednesday on we will gather each Wednesday night to hear from God's Word and explore the themes of self-examination, prayer, scripture, fasting, confession, and worship. Our hope and prayer is that not only can we prepare ourselves well for our Lord's resurrection day, but that we may also find some new spiritual practices to include in our lives beyond this Lenten season. Some of these practices and disciplines might not "fit" into our own notions of how we can connect with God, and that is okay! Exploring, wandering, and growing are all a part of our journey with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb. So join us each Wednesday night for worship, prayer, and growing together in this penitential and holy

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## 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  
Pastor Heidi Kvanli – Friend of Pastor Lisa Heffernan  
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:**

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*

Feb. 1: Emalee Larson  
Feb. 1: Mianna Tveit  
Feb. 5: Lance Buum  
Feb. 5: Geoffrey Peterson  
Feb. 10: Mike Normile  
Feb. 11: Jean Carson  
Feb. 13: Gailen Meyerink  
Feb. 14: Deb Schaub  
Feb. 15: Amy Engel  
Feb. 17: Virginia Anderson  
Feb. 17: Dotty Hieb  
Feb. 23: Margo Mews  
Feb. 24: Charles Hagan  
Feb. 24: Rich Rasmussen  
Feb. 29: James Killion

### *ANNIVERSARIES*

Feb 10: Denise & Gailen Meyerink



## FEBRUARY SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector
Feb 7		
Feb 14		
Feb 21		
Feb 28		Nancy DeBoer

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

*Jan 3, 2021 Sunday at 10:30 a.m.*

## **Present**

Terrold Menzie, Sharmel Olson, Rosemary Mohr, Neoma Harris

## **Absent**

Kathi Andersen, Jonah Mosel, Mike Bunker

## **Devotions**

The meeting was called to order, Pastor led off with a prayer.

## **Additions to agenda**

Nothing was added to the agenda.

## **Reading of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed with the date of the meeting needing to be changed to Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Neoma made the motion to accept with Rosemary making the second. The motion carried.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- The income and expenses were presented for the month of December and the income surpassed the expenses.
- There was nothing out of the ordinary in the expense's listings for December.
- Each item on the budget for 2021 was presented to the council and compared to the 2020 actual expenses. After some discussion on the amounts budgeted, Terrold made the motion to accept the budget as amended during the discussion with Rosemary seconding it. It carried.
- Terrold made the motion to approve the monthly report and Neoma seconded it and the motion passed.

## **Correspondence**

- Received a Thank You card from Hope, a couple of newsletters from St Dysmas, and other Thank You cards from those that got Poinsettias.

## **Committee Reports**

### PROPERTY

- The setup for the Christmas Services worked quite well. There were some hurdles but they were overcome prior to the services. A committee was proposed to determine the feasibility of improving this option. This will be brought up to the annual council meeting for possible membership. Possible sources for the funding of the equipment for this was discussed.
- Joe's cleaning list will be updated to include some items that are needed to be done.

### WORSHIP

- The Altar Guild will meet next Thursday morning. Pastor Lisa will bring up an option to obtain pre-packaged communion items.
- During the upcoming Ash Wednesday, it was discussed as an option to determine if a person could place their own ashes on themselves to minimize potential exposure and comply with COVID-19 restrictions.

## STEWARDSHIP

- The need to determine how to divide the Christmas Eve offerings will be discussed in New Business.

## EDUCATION

- Discussion on who will be going to the Financial Peace University class. This planned to occur in January or possibly for lent.
- Packets will be going out soon. Bags will need to be obtained as a lot are missing.

## Deacons

- Updated the prayer list and member list.
- They put together gift bags for our Wowsome Wednesday kids.
- Confirmation went well and they all received their gifts with the exception of one that hasn't been coming.

## Pastor's Report

- Spent most of the month with Christmas Eve planning.
- Tried to catch up with folks that are moving.
- Had a baptism.
- Will be gone the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The conference for clergy is online this year.
- The ministerial hasn't been meeting this year. Hope it commences in the near future.

## Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business was discussed.

## New Business

- Will have the annual meeting on January 31. Will have it available via in person and Zoom. We will live stream the service and stop that. Then the Zoom meeting will be started. Will the meeting occur in the sanctuary or the fellowship hall? How will they vote? How will those online hear those that bring up discussions or questions? These will be taken care of before the meeting and there will be a test before the meeting. The nominating committee will be getting nominations. The scanner on the printer will make a pdf of the annual meeting announcement which will be sent out to the congregation via email in advance of the meeting.
- The cost to maintain the domain name for the website was discussed and a motion to pay for the retention for 5 years for \$190.00 was made by Neoma and seconded by Terrold. The motion passed.
- The Christmas Eve services saw much of the offering placed in the noisy offering for some reason. It was left in the noisy offering without knowledge on where it was to be directed, either for Noisy offering or for Church on the Street. \$763.07 was the total placed in it. So, it was motioned to split the nights offering, which included the amount placed in for the Ministerial Travelers fund three ways between the Ministerial, Food Pantry and Church on the Street. Rosemary made that motion and Terrold seconded the motion which passed.
- January Noisy offering goes to Ministerial traveler and to the Food Pantry
- January offering teller will be Rosemary.
- The February Noisy offering go to ELCA World Hunger.

## Monthly Devotion and Offering Teller schedule

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

### Next Meeting

- Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 10:30 AM will be the next meeting.

### Adjournment

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

*from the desk of... Pastor Lisa*

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season in the church year. At this time, all services will be on Wednesday nights at 7:15 p.m.

I wanted to end my newsletter article with a note of reminder too, as I've had some questions about what days I am in my office at the church. I am typically in my office at the church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from about 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. into the early evening. The ELCA pastors in our conference are meeting regularly on Zoom early on Tuesday mornings as well, and I tend to take those calls from my home office. I am also here every Sunday into the early afternoon. Meetings we just set up as they are needed to be scheduled.

If I am not in my office at the church, I am available by phone, text, and email and can set up appointments whenever you may need to see or

visit with me. The only real change for me is coming in a little bit later in the mornings and staying later in the evening. And I will be better at letting folks know if I must be gone for a doctor's appointment, or visitations or meetings during a time when I would usually be at the church. Mondays are my sabbath day, and on Fridays I work from home on my sermon and doing pastoral care phone calls, or I'm at the church as needed.

All that is to say I'm here, and I wanted to make sure everybody had a better sense of what that usually looks like. Thank you for all you do and are for our life together. It remains a blessing to serve you as your pastor.

Peace,  
Pastor Lisa

# February

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 5th and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm	4	5	6
7 9:30 Worship w/Communion 10:30 Council Mtg	8	9 6:30 – Men’s Bible Study  2:00 Text Study	10 5th and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm	11 Deacons Meeting – 5:30 pm	12	13
14 9:30 Worship  <i>Valentine’s Day</i>	15	16	17 5th and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm  7:15 Ash Wed Service w/Communion	18	19	20
21 9:30 Worship w/Communion	22	23 2:00 Text Study	24 5th and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm 7:15 Lenten Service	25 4:00 – Women’s Bible Study	26	27
28 9:30 Worship						