



# Trinity News

December 2021

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## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed: Wowsome Wed. & Confirmation
- Wed: Choir
- Dec 5: Council Meeting
- Dec 9: Deacon's Meeting
- Dec 15: No Choir
- Dec 16: Women's Bible Study
- Dec 19: Wowsome Christmas Progam
- Dec 22: No Wowsome or Choir
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 29: No Wowsome or Choir



## Pastor Young's Sharing Corner Hang Your Lights in Your Hearts

The first season of the church year starts with Advent, which comes from a Latin word adventus, meaning "coming." Hearing John the Baptist's cry, "Prepare the way of the Lord," we want to prepare and wait for Christ's coming. However, it is easy to lose our minds this time of year.

Thousands of voices tell us to hurry because our extra savings coupon ends tomorrow or that every Friday is Black Friday. We dash here and there. And as our house is getting decorated, we feel ready for Christmas. Soon after we find that we forgot to breathe, with too much doing. With too little being, we forgot who we are. I hear John the Baptist's cry through Macrina Wiederkehr, "O shoppers, dear shoppers hang lights in your hearts instead of on your trees. For the One we've hung our hopes on has come, and now we're free but only if we see." December is a time for transformation from spiritual darkness to encountering the light of the world.

December is also a time of singing and gift-giving. Have there been years you didn't hear "Hallelujah" chorus or didn't sing it? I am certain everybody has as "Hallelujah" chorus is one of certain songs people don't want to miss in December. Messiah has touched numerous people spiritually and fed the needy. Handel himself raised thousands of pounds for charity through Messiah concerts. Charles Burney, a historian, noted "Messiah has fed the hungry, clothed the naked, fostered the orphan more than any other single musical production in this or any other country." One writer also stated that Messiah's music and message has probably done more to convince thousands of mankind that there is a God about us than all the theological works ever written (Patrick Kavanaugh, 1996).

Handel's story stirs my heart to thank my classmate at Luther Seminary, who has become an ordained pastor. On Christmas Day in

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## PRAYER LISTS

Family of Mark Adamson – Friend of Dianne Graves  
Terry Bisbee – Brother of Dean Bisbee  
Vivian Cleland – TLC member  
Lairie DeBello – Niece of Jen Reimer  
Lorna DeHaai – Friend of Dotty Hieb  
Lyle DeHaai – Friend of Dotty Hieb  
Gordon Graves - Brother-in-law of Dianne Graves  
Kayleen Haiar – Granddaughter of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes  
Casey Hegge – Friend of Dave & Mary Alice Larson  
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  
Alan Lulf – Friend of Dianne Greaves  
Gailen Meyerink – TLC member  
Jackie Normile – Sister of Mike Normile  
Gunner Olesen – Nephew of LeAnn Duvall  
Denise Plecity – Sister of Deanna Hagan  
Brooks Plienis – Great-nephew of Wevik Family  
Joel Sprecher – Brother of Paula Feltman

### **To Be Remembered:**

Larry Abernathy  
Connie Bailey  
Wade Beringer  
Leonard Boom  
Micah Ellis  
Ray Goeden  
Dwayne Graves  
Jared Houska  
Winnie Keller  
Amy Kenobbie  
Deah Killion  
Larry Larsen  
Rianna Laurens

Mariah Normile  
Glenn Osborne  
Clifford Priebe  
Sue Robinson  
Mike Selland  
Cindy Wilkens

### **Those in service to our country:**

#### **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 Church on the Street, which serves those who are without homes in the Sioux Falls area.



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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.

**CHOIR** meets every Wednesday at 7:15 pm, Sept thru May

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets 4th Wed of the month at 10 a.m.

## 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
Dec. 5	5th & 6th Graders	5th & 6th Graders
Dec. 12	Kathi Anderson	Mary Brown
Dec. 19	Olson Family	Janet Coy
Dec. 24	Normile Family	
Dec. 26		Janet Coy

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

*November 7, 2021 Sunday at 10:30 a.m.*

## **Present**

Terrold Menzie, Sharmel Olson, Declan Tveit, Dick Feltman, Mark Huber, Kathi Anderson

## **Absent**

Mike Bunker

## **Devotions**

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

## **Additions to agenda**

No additions were made to the agenda.

## **Reading of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed. A correction to remove Aaryn Schaub from the Unfinished Business section was needed and add Mildred's last name of Reniker. Dick made the motion to accept them with the needed changes and Kathi provided the second. The motion carried.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- The expenses were normal for this time of year.
- Terrold made the motion to accept the report and Mark seconded it. It passed.

## **Correspondence**

- A request from the American Legion for area businesses to provide a donation of \$20 a year to their organization. Dick made the motion to provide that amount and take it from the general fund. Kathi seconded it and the motion passed.

## **Committee Reports**

### PROPERTY

- There was damage done to the front door during the installation of the sidewalk. Cement was splattered on it and the attempt to scrub it off made it worse. The decision was to pay up to 90% of the bill and hold the rest back until they, the construction company, makes the repairs on it. Motion was made by Terrold and seconded by Dick. The motion passed. The 90% percent, \$6,120.00 will be taken from three accounts which includes the building account, \$2,000.00, 3,800.00 from Thrivent and the rest from the endowment fund.
- The purchase of the sound panels was discussed. An estimation on the cost was provided along with the visual representation on where they will be placed within the Fellowship Hall.
- The Zion church is still interested in purchasing the organ. They have yet to provide a bid. A discussion on it was conducted. Estimates on its value ranged from \$6,850.00 to \$10,000.00. The price of a new organ, of similar specs, was valued at \$16,000.00. A survey of the congregation on their wishes will be conducted.

### WORSHIP

- Nothing was reported from the worship committee.

### STEWARDSHIP

- They will meet to discuss the endowment portion of the panels.

## EDUCATION

- Wowsome is doing fine as are the Confirmation classes.

## Deacons

- A prayer list form was obtained from the UCC. If a person would like to have a person added to the prayer list, this form could be used. The person the request is for would be contacted to ensure that permission is obtained.
- They are getting ready for the Thanksgiving service.

## Pastor's Report

- See Pastor's report for details.
- A member of a different church wants to visit and attend a council meeting. The person will be contacted and will attend a future council meeting.

## Unfinished Business

- Mildred Reniker and Arpana Fox will be added to the church membership at the services on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Call process will be holding meetings in November.

## New Business

- Should the confirmation kids get a donation box?
- Church Use Fees. How much should we charge for non-members for the use of the church. Should it be broken down to sub-requests? Need someone to take this on and make a price list.
- A motion to send the noisy offering to Santa's Sleigh was made by Declan and seconded by Dick. It passed.
- December offering will be conducted by Terrold.

### Monthly Devotion and Offering Teller schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Offering Tellers</u>
November	Mark	Mark
December	Terrold	Terrold
January	TBD	TBD
February	TBD	TBD

## Next Meeting

- Sunday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:30 AM will be the next meeting.

## Adjournment

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer



**Mildred Reniker and Arpana Fox  
joined Trinity Lutheran Church on November 14.  
Please take your time getting to know them.**

## Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this year's supper a success!!

Meatball makers, potato peelers, set up crew, salad, dessert, serving line, table & kitchen staff, dishwashers, and all the other roles! It was wonderful seeing everyone working and smiling. Guests told us how great it was to see young people working and helping happily. What a great job of being God's hands with our service and raising over \$3,000 for church projects and missions! (Full details will be in the January annual report.)



### Here is a message emailed to Jeff Tveit by one of the guests:

This message is to all at Trinity Lutheran Church:

What an outstanding Lutefisk Supper you put on. The food was GREAT and so was the fellowship. Everyone made us feel at home in your church.

My brother and I enjoyed everything and God willing, we will drive the 200 miles one way again next year for this event.

I hope that you had the turn out that you wanted so that you were able to help out your church missions and expenses.

Thank you all and may God Bless,

Rande Osberg, Truck Shop / Driver's Supervisor, Norfolk, NE 68701



Come Join us for  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

At 5: 30 pm

# Trinity Lutheran Church Deacons Meeting

November 11, 5:30 p.m

**Present:** Dianne Graves, Dottie Hieb, Erica Sundall, Janet Coy, Alice Bunker, and Jen Reimer.

**The meeting was called to order** by President Dottie Hieb. Erica Sundall read the devotions to begin the meeting. Janet Coy made a motion to approve the minutes and Jen Reimer seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

**The Treasurers report** was not given but a question was asked as to how much is in the actual Deacons budget as opposed to the scholarship budget. This will be investigated.

## Old Business

- An ongoing reminder to the new member mentors meeting with each other.
- A reminder to submit reports of prior Thrivent cards used.
- Confirmation Sunday and the get together afterward was discussed. It was very well attended. Thanks to Dottie and Alice for their help.

## New Business

- Two new members will be received this coming Sunday. Dianne Graves will mentor Mildred Reniker and Janet Coy will mentor Arpana Fox.
- Thanksgiving Cards will be distributed by Tuesday of next week. Addresses have been updated and the new Deacons list will be alphabetical so could have a few changes.
- The Church Directory was discussed as the last time it was done and the probable need to it being redone.
- The Prayer List was updated.
- The poinsettia distribution was discussed and the list of whom may receive them could be increased from last year. Dottie will purchase them from Walmart and Deacons will take responsibility of delivering them.
- Christmas cards will be distributed at the next meeting on December 9.
- A discussion was held as to a project such as the Angel Tree. Doing something for the Care Center, Dakota Milestones and the Regency such as treats for the residents was a possibility. Wowsome kids could make something such as cards to include if ok'd by Sunday School Superintendent. We will investigate this further and possible have the congregation make donations.
- Wowsome Christmas Program treats – Dottie will check on the program and if they would like us to provide treats. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.
- The subject of having a coffee time after church was again discussed with no decisions made at this time.
- Our December Deacon will be Alice Bunker and our next meeting will be December 9.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dianne Graves, Secretary

Congratulations Ashley & Noah!  
Happy Confirmation day!



“May the Lord bless you with His guidance from this day forward. And may you have faith in His plan.”

## Pastor Young's Sharing Corner (Continued)

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1999, Jane invited my family to her family's Christmas dinner. I was overwhelmed by her hospitality – making our names on the table, delicious food, and beautifully wrapped gifts prepared by her each family. Our living room was filled with the gifts – cookies, games, books, clothes etc. I still remember that my two boys stayed up almost until 2:00 am to play games. Even though I expressed my deep thanks to her, she might have never known how deep my thanks were.

What memories, joys, hopes, or pains are awakened in the season of waiting, Advent? Is there

a specific time when you shared your gifts with those in need, imagining someone's face filled with happiness? Lord Jesus, lighten our darkness, so we may share Good News with others and show your love to others.

In Ministry together,

Pastor Young Chung



# Altar Guild Minutes

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Altar Guild meeting was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Dotty Hieb followed by devotion.**

**Members present were:** Pastor Young, Kathi Anderson, Marilyn Tounsley, Nancy De Boer, Arlene Shrake and Dotty Hieb.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from the March meeting were read by Arlene. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Kathi. Seconded by Marilyn.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Marilyn. A balance of \$2,648.96 is in the account. This was approved by Kathi. Second by Nancy.

## **Old Business:**

The stripping of the Altar went well for Maundy Thursday. Changing how the cloth was draped over the cross was very touching and many commented on this. A special thanks goes out to Donn DeBoer for his assistance.

## **New Business:**

Reformation Sunday and Confirmation will both be held on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

All Saints Day will be held on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Altar guild duties for the month of November will be done by Dotty. December 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> will be Arlene. December 12<sup>th</sup> will be Marilyn. Lastly, Christmas Eve will be Kathi.

The Christmas tree will be decorated on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am.

Pastor Young will visit with the worship committee and church council as to finalize the time for Christmas Eve service.

The Altar Guild will be receiving one or two Action Cards from Thrivent. The committee has been discussing various things to utilize these funds. Some of the discussion points are as follows:

- Altar Linens
- Communion Ware
- Advent Wreath
- Paschal Candle

The committee is in need of new members. Pastor Young will be announcing this during worship services and it will be noted in the church bulletin.

Calendars for the 2022 year were handed out.

The committee will continue to use the communion wafers.

We thank Pastor Young for attending this meeting and appreciate her input.


Meeting adjourned after reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Arlene Shrake

# December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 Wowsome & Confirmation 7:15 Choir	2	3	4
5 9:30 Worship w/Comm 10:30 Church Council	6	7	8 5:30 Wowsome & Confirmation 7:15 Choir	9 5:30 Deacon's mtg	10	11
12 9:30 Worship	13	14	15 5:30 Wowsome & Confirmation NO CHOIR	16 10:00 Women's Bible Study	17	18
19 9:30 Worship w/Comm & Wowsome Christmas Program	20	21	22 NO Wowsome Confirmation Or Choir	23	24 5:30 Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas 
26 9:30 Worship	27	28	29 NO Wowsome Confirmation Or Choir	30 Office Closed	31 Office Closed	& Happy New Year from Pastor Young & Rosemary