



Trinity News

January 2023

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

Mon: Choir
 Wed: Wowsome & Confirmation
 Jan 8: Council Meeting
 Jan 12: Women's Bible Study
 Jan 12: Deacon's Meeting
 Jan 29: Annual Meeting



Pastor Young's Sharing Corner

The Season of Encountering Aha! Moments

I would like to start my article with deep gratitude to each of you. With great help from you, Trinity had a great year. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and financial support.

On December 24, we celebrated the birth of Christ. As I shared in my sermon that evening, the incarnation is a miracle. We can see God's miracles as we live by faith instead of sight since "Miracles are not always visible to the naked eye, but those who live by faith can see them clearly" (Sarah Young from Jesus Calling). Let's walk by faith, not sight, to be amazed by God's miracles that will happen among and around us.

On January 6, the season of Epiphany begins as we observe the baptism of Our Lord Jesus. This tradition has been passed down through liturgical churches. The Epiphany season lasts until Ash Wednesday, which will take place on February 22.

The word "epiphany" comes from a Greek word meaning "to show," "to make known," or "to reveal." I pray the Epiphany season brings you encountering God and experiencing Epiphany moments – Aha! Moments. Through these moments, we will be transformed.

As I close my article, I am profoundly thankful to God for being with and among us in 2022. And I am very excited about how God will accomplish his work through Trinity. Thank you again, and I look forward to doing Ministry together in the coming year. I wish you a happy and hope-filled New Year as we prepare to welcome 2023.

In Ministry together,

Pastor Young Chung



Upcoming Worship & Events

- 1/1 Worship at 9:30 AM
- 1/8 Worship (the Baptism of the Lord) at 9:30 AM
- 1/15 Worship with Communion at 9:30 AM
- 1/22 Worship at 9:30 AM
- 1/29 Worship at 9:30 AM
- 1/29 Annual Meeting at 10:30 AM

Wowsome & Confirmation

The Wednesday program will resume on January 4

Recap & Trinity Gallery

A Faithful Servant of 25 years

Keith Osterberg has been removing snow on sidewalks for 25 years. We are so thankful for his service. We hope some younger generation takes over this responsibility.



Installation of TV screens

With your incredible support by donations – cash & Thrivent Cards, we purchased two TVs and necessary items. Thank you so much for your generosity. We extend our profound thanks to DeBoer family – Donn, Nancy, Donovan, and Jim Killion – for their sharing skills and time to install the screens. On Christmas Eve, we used the screens to aid our service. It was indeed a Christmas gift.



Bethlehem in Brule County

Bethlehem in Brule County performance was held Sunday, December 18. The 12+ inches of snow and 30+ mile per hour wind in the days leading up to the production had the planning committee a bit nervous. We met Friday to see if the event would be possible. It all depended on digging out on Saturday.

Saturday evening, the planning committee met again and decided to hold the event but solicit two-legged animals instead of the four-legged ones as initially planned. The Engels were able to bring three goats, pigeons, and chickens. The pens were still filled with sheep, donkeys, and cows of the two-legged variety Saturday.

What a surprise as people streamed into the Pukwana Ag Building for the performance. There was standing room only! The community choir of about 25 members representing numerous churches, conducted by Nancy DeBoer sang before and after the

pageant. Pastor Young directed the cast of 20. Baby Jesus, played by Liv Brown, did a perfect job with the part.

The over 200 attendees shared comment after comment, complementing the cast, the choir, and the entire evening. Christmas' true meaning and spirit were apparent in the pageant, the singing, and the joy of everyone in attendance.

The evening was topped off with homemade soup & cornbread served by Brule County 4-H members. They also provided cookies and bars. Kathi Anderson made enough soup to feed a small army – tomato bisque and chicken noodles.

Most exciting the free will donations brought in over \$1,400 to be divided between Chamberlain's Helping Ends Meet program spearheaded by Chantell Kriel and Sheena Larsen and The Kimball Back Pack Program organized by Helen Eimers & Wendi Hoing. This money will be presented after the New Year.

The production crew of Amber Bunker, Pastor Young, Cortney & Will Haugen, Andrea Olson, Brock & Erica Sundall, and Jeff Tveit would like to give a huge thank you to all of the cast, musicians, and everyone in the audience.



Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

December 4, 2022

Present: Rosemary Mohr, Kathi Anderson, Dick Feltman, Noah Bury, Dotty Hieb, Will Haugen, Mark Huber, Mike Bunker and Pastor Young.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM by President Rosemary Mohr.

Devotions: Dotty provided devotions.

Donn and Nancy DeBoer attended the meeting to provide a Technology Team update regarding TV screens and additional cables, etc. The equipment is here and a target date for installation is December 20th. The Fundraising program and Thrivent cards have paid for this project. Pastor thanked Donn and Nancy for their management of this project.

Additions to the Agenda: Annual Meeting and Christmas Eve offering.

Review of Minutes: Motion by Mike and second by Mark to approve the minutes of November 6, 2022 all in favor, the motion carried.

Treasurer report:

- Will provided November Financial Report and reviewed 2023 Budgetary Items
- Offering amounts decreased somewhat in November. To be sustainable, offering needs to maintain
- \$2 – 3 K a week to make ends meet. Expenses for November remained fairly normal.
- An adjustment of \$679.46 of expenses will be moved to Memorial account for Nativity.
- Fundraising account balance is \$30, 842, which includes this year's Lutefisk deposit of \$4039.
- Discussion resumed on budgetary changes.
- Secretary pay discussion was held and Pastor will set up a meeting to review and make recommendation
- Rosemary reported that a bill in the amount of \$2800 was received for driveway repair
- Motion to accept November Treasurer Report made by Dick and second by Noah. All in favor, the motion carried.

Correspondence: Pastor presented a variety of requests for donations.

Committee Reports:

DEACONS:

- Working on providing gifts for Wowsome/Confirmation students.
- Scheduling another scholarship brunch.

PROPERTY:

- Burke Oil has proposed a contract price of \$1.89 a gallon for propane program to be spread over a year. More information to be coming on that.

WORSHIP:

- No meeting held or update.

STEWARDSHIP:

- A meeting is scheduled for the 2nd week in January

EDUCATION:

- Continue to work on Christmas Program and meal following service of December 18th.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- November worship events included All Saints Sunday, Third Grade Bible presentation, Thank offering service and preparation for Advent
- Confirmation students teaching and making cards for Care Center Residents.
- Ongoing communication for newsletter input, events announcements, emails and texts with committees, individuals and groups.
- Pastoral Care via one on one and technology communication.
- Attended various meetings including Lutefisk, Live Nativity, Deacons, Education and Individuals.
- Attended Prairie River Pastor's Conference in Mitchell

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Noisy Offering:
 - Received a request from Sheriff's Office National Child Council. Decided Noisy offering for December to be given to St. James Food Pantry.
- Prayer Listing:
 - Pastor suggested that the Prayer listing that the Deacons maintain be revised to include the new prayer requests for a month, then moved to the bulletin after a month.
- Gratuities:
 - The council is continually grateful to the many church members for all the "above and beyond" work so generously donated to support the many duties to keep our church going even though we can't monetarily acknowledge.
- Monthly Devotions and Offering Teller Schedule:
 - Month Devotions Offering Tellers
 - January Mark Mark
 - (February T/B/D)
- Outgoing Council Members:
 - The Council member listing will be reviewed for determination of upcoming openings
- Amending Constitution:
 - Dave Larson and Pastor are working with the Synod on proposed changes
- Offering Teller:
 - Prior council direction indicated that offering should be counted and prepared for deposit by 2 individuals. We need to weekly assign a council person and another person to perform these duties. Rosemary and Dick will handle the Christmas Eve offering, and moving forward, the norm needs to be 2 individuals handling the offering.
- The Constitution doesn't allow the holding of more than one office position per individual

Next Meeting: January 8th, 2023 following church service

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dotty Hieb, Secretary



Women's Bible Study
2nd Thursday of each Month
at 10 a.m.
NEXT GATHERING: Jan 12th



Holy Communion

If there is anyone who is homebound and would like to receive communion, please notify Pastor Young or Rosemary.

Prayer Requests:

If there is anyone who might have an upcoming surgery or other procedures done – let us know so we can put you on our prayer list.



Council Members

President – Rosemary Mohr
Vice President – Mark Huber
Secretary – Dotty Hieb
Members at large – Kathi Anderson,
Mike Bunker, Dick Feltman
Youth – Noah Bury

Deacons

Chairman – Janet Coy
Vice – Karen Niles
Secretary – Erica Sundall
Treasurer – Cortney Haugen
Members at large – Shelly Goodman, Julie Menzie, Jen Reimer, Aaryn Schaub, Julie Woodruff

Trinity Lutheran Deacons Meeting

December 9, 2022 5:30 pm

Present: Pastor Young, Erica Sundall, Janet Coy, Julie Menzie, Jen Reimer, Julie Woodruff, Karen Niles

The meeting was called to order by Janet Coy, President.

A devotional sent by Cortney Haugen was shared with the group.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Jen R. made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Karen seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report as of 11/30/22: Budget is \$850.00, YTD Expenses \$779.17, remaining budget \$70.83. Scholarship fund balance is \$3,588.75

OLD BUSINESS

- Deacons will get together Saturday, December 17th to assemble 'Swag Bags' to hand out to children in the Christmas Program on the 18th.
- Christmas cards are ready for Deacons to mail out with a schedule of Christmas festivities and services.
- Karen made a motion to purchase Poinsettias from Walmart in Mitchell in packs of 3. Pickup needs to be arranged, which depends a great deal on the weather.
 - Pastor mentioned to the group that Erica had made a suggestion for the Deacons in the next year to consider an alternative to Poinsettias such as an ornament. Poinsettias are becoming quite costly and hard to come by.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor reviewed the list of Deacons terms. Erica Sundall's term will end January 2023.
- There will be a change in the way the prayer list is read during the church service will be handled beginning in January. Names on the list for longer than 30 days will be printed in the bulletin and referred to there. The list being read during the prayers of intercession will be shorter and more current.
- Next Scholarship brunch will be February 19th.

January Deacon - Janet Coy

Next Meeting - January 10, 2023

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Erica Sundall

Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Annual Meeting - January 29 at 10:30 a.m.
2. Offering envelopes are in the mailboxes.
3. Please pick up dishes from the lutefisk supper.

PRAYER LISTS

Terry Bisbee - Brother of Dean Bisbee
Vivian Cleland - TLC member
Lorna DeHaai - Friend of Dotty Hieb
Lyle DeHaai - Friend of Dotty Hieb
Doug Graham - Friend of Rosemary Mohr
Kayleen Haiar - Granddaughter of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes
Kyle Haiar - Grandson of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes
Esther Hansen - TLC member
Sandy Hook - Friend of Mary Brown
Ruth Jibben - Mother of VaLoy Wilkens
Bette Juhl - Mother of Teena Mosel
Bob Juhl - Father of Teena Mosel
Larry Kercher - Significant other of Brittany Buum
Marcia Kindt - Grandmother of Bryan Kindt & Eryanne Normile
Ranissa Koellner Cousin to Bryan & Eryanne
Dawn Konstanz - Friend of Dianne Graves
Alice Odens - TLC member
Gunner Olesen - Nephew of Leanne DuVall
Brooks Plienis - Great-nephew of Wevik Family
Tom Pringle - Friend of Dotty Hieb
Mildred Reniker - TLC Member
Gary Schumacher - BIL to Mary Brown
Mike Schreiber - Friend of Dianne Graves

Alisa Solem - Friend of Maryalice Larson
Joel Sprecher - Brother of Paula Feltman
Ann Thiel - Friend of Dianne Graves

People to be remembered:

JoAnn Derry
Deah Killion
Larry Larsen
Rianna Laurens
Mariah Normile
Glenn Osborne
Clifford Priebe
Sue Robinson
Deb Selland
Mike Selland
Cory Thomasen
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.

People and the churches in Ukraine.



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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 Monday at 5:30 pm, Sept thru May

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

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. 18: Kellen Meyerink
 Jan. 20: Mike Bunker
 Jan. 20: Caleb Reimer
 Jan. 22: Kayleen Haiar
 Jan. 24: Sandy Rasmussen
 Jan. 27: Kristen Brown
 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	Communion Assistant
Jan 1	Normile Family	Mike Normile	No assistant
Jan 8	Cynthia Wall	Cynthia Wall	No assistant
Jan 15	Olson Family	Olson Family	Sharmel Olson
Jan 22	Rosemary Mohr		No assistant
Jan 29	Kathi Anderson	Dianne Graves	No assistant

January

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year 9:30 a.m. Worship	2	3	4 5:30 p.m. Wowsome & Confirmation	5	6	7
8 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Council	9 5:30 p.m. Choir	10	11 5:30 p.m. Wowsome & Confirmation	12 10:00 a.m. Bible study 5:30 p.m. Deacons mtg	13	14
15 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion	16 5:30 p.m. Choir	17	18 5:30 p.m. Wowsome & Confirmation	19	20	21
22 9:30 a.m. Worship	23 5:30 p.m. Choir	24	25 5:30 p.m. Wowsome & Confirmation	26	27	28
29 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Annual meeting	30 5:30 p.m. Choir	31				