



Trinity News

January 2024

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Mondays: Choir
- Wednesdays: Wowsome and Confirmation
- Jan 1: No Choir
- Jan 3: No Wowsome/Confirmation
- Jan 7: Worship w/Communion
- Jan 7: Council Meeting
- Jan 11: Deacon's Meeting
- Jan 11: Women's Bible Study
- Jan 14: Worship
- Jan 21: Worship w/Communion
- Jan 28: Worship
- Jan 28: Annual Meeting
- Jan 28: Brunch/Lunch




Pastor Young's Sharing Corner

Journeys of Encountering Epiphany Moments

I would like to begin this article with deep gratitude for each one of you. With your tremendous support, Trinity had a remarkable year: welcoming eight new members and achieving success in our Capital Campaign, to name just a few accomplishments. Thank you for generously sharing your time, talents, and financial support.

As you delve into this article, we find ourselves transitioning from the Christmas season to the season of Epiphany. Epiphany commences on January 6th and extends until Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 14th this year.

Long ago, three wise men embarked on a journey to Bethlehem, guided by a star. Their path led them to a small, seemingly insignificant town where, unexpectedly, they discovered Jesus Christ – the promised Messiah. This transformative moment is often referred to as an "Epiphany" or an "Aha! Moment."

Similar to the wise men, there are times when following a guiding star leads us to experience our own Epiphany moments. Through these encounters, we are transformed and guided toward pathways illuminated with light.

I challenge you to consider the following questions: What is my Epiphany? Which star am I following? In what unexpected places have I discovered God?

The central theme of Epiphany is light. The light of Christ shines through the darkness of our hearts. We need this light every day, as darkness persistently attempts to extinguish it. Although we grapple with darkness, it will never overcome the light (John 1:5).

Allow me to leave you with the words of Phyllis Anderson: "Christ shines most clearly for us when we are most keenly aware of the depth of human suffering, loneliness, grief, and shame. Don't be afraid of the dark. It is where you find God."

Happy New Year!

In ministry together

Young McChung

Pastor Young

Upcoming Worship & Events

1/7 Worship (the Baptism of the Lord) at 9:30 AM

1/14 Worship with Communion at 9:30 AM

1/21 Worship at 9:30 AM

1/28 Worship at 9:30 AM



Annual Meeting 1/28 at 10:30 AM

If you are a voting member, please plan to attend the meeting to support the ministry of Trinity.

WOWSOME & CONFIRMATION

The Wednesday program will resume on January 10 at 5:30 PM.

Trinity's Recap & Photo Gallery

Altar Guild & Women's Bible Study Group

Thanks to the Altar Guild for decorating our chancel area with a Christmas tree, Advent wreath, and banners/paraments. Thanks also to the Women's Bible Study group for decorating our church inside and out.



The Deacons' Scholarship Brunch 12/3

Hosted by the deacons, the brunch brought donations of \$220. Thank those who joined the brunch and our deacons who helped with the preparation.

New Member Sunday 12/10

We welcomed Bruce and Linda Eggers as Trinity's full members.

Bethlehem in Brule County 12/17

Bethlehem in Brule County performance was held Sunday, December 17 at AG building, Pukwana at 5:00 PM.

The community choir of about 22 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 Nora Long, did a perfect job with the part.

The attendees shared comment after comment, complementing the cast, the choir, and the entire evening. Christmas's 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, and cornbread served by Brule County 4-H members. They also provided cookies and bars. Kathi Anderson made enough soup to feed a small army. People enjoyed not only the tasty soup and cookies but also fellowship with each other.

Most exciting the free will donations brought in approximately \$2,000 (Approx. \$1400 in 2022) 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.





Wowsome Christmas Program 12/20

Our Wowsome kids presented a delightful Christmas Program, with assistance from Confirmation students, on 12/20 at 6:00 PM. The program featured a play titled "Christmas Cookies" and enchanting Christmas carols. Towards the end of the program, an offering was collected to support individuals in Third World countries through ELCA Good Gifts.

Both the audience and participants relished the program and engaged in warm fellowship during the Lasagna dinner. Heartfelt gratitude extends to those who attended the program, and special thanks are for the exceptional efforts of the Wowsome teachers

who made this event possible. Additionally, our appreciation goes to Kathi Anderson and the individuals involved in preparing the dinner.

To the Wowsome and Confirmation students, thank you for your outstanding contributions! Your dedication and hard work truly made this Christmas Program a memorable success.



Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes (Approved)

November 5, 2023 10:30 am

Meeting was called to order by Sharmel at 10:45 am

Present: Kathi Anderson, Dick Feltman, Sharmel Olson, Mark Huber, Prestyn Haugen, Pastor Young Chung

Devotions were read by Kathi.

Additions to the agenda: 2024 budget discussion

Reading last month's minutes were reviewed. Dick made a motion to accept the 10/1/23 council meeting minutes, second by Prestyn. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Will was not able to attend but did provide the report for review. Endowment money of \$4000 will remain in fundraising until the capital campaign is over. The Thrivent Diversified Account shows a significant loss. Sharmel will contact Jeff to see what the amount is and if it was just a record error or actual loss. Dick made a motion to accept the 10/1/23 council meeting minutes, second by Kathi. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Committee Reports:

- **Deacons:** Pastor Young reported that the Deacons helped with the Confirmation service and reception. They also will be planning a Scholarship brunch in December.
- **Property:** Dick reported that the irrigation lines are blown out. There was a question about what happened to the old water heater.
- **Worship:** Kathi reported that they have not met.
- **Stewardship:** Mark reported that they have not met.
- **Education:** Pastor Young reported that the Wowsome Wednesday and Confirmation group raised \$915.50 for the Capital campaign
- **Technology:** Sharmel reported the Microphone is still on hold to install

Pastor's report: Pastor Young reported a busy month of bible presentation, baptism and Affirmation of Baptism. She had several meetings and attended Prairie River Pastor Conference in Mitchell. She updated the council on a member's health and transitions in life. She will be looking at new members in December.

Unfinished Business:

- Church directory – successful and not completed quite yet. Around the same numbers as 2015
- Capital Campaign – Successful month, last group did a fundraiser on Nov 1st, Celebration Sunday on November 19th.
- Inactive members (tabled to January)
- Noisy offering for December – Good Gifts
- November Offering Tellers - Mark and Kathi
- December Offering Teller (Rosemary) & Devotions (Prestyn)

New Business:

- Water heater – new 30 gallon water heater put in by Lutefisk committee
- Dotti's resignation – Dotti Hieb has resigned at the end of October from Church Council, Alter Guild and the funeral committee
- Committee and council openings for 2024 – Council: 1- 1 year term, 2- 3 year terms, 1- 1 year Youth delegate; Deacons: 2- 3 year terms; Nominating committee – 3 – 1 year term; and synod assembly representative
- Christmas Eve Service will be held at 5:30 pm
- Grinnell insurance (insurance for church property) – is possibly no longer in business soon. Tri-county is looking into alternative new options. Dick will follow up on this.
- 2024 budget – Will is asking for suggestions for the next year budget. Bring considerations to the December meeting.
- Noisy offering for January – Dick made a motion to give to Lutheran Outdoors, second by Kathi. All in favor, motion carried.
- January Offering Teller (Sharmel) & Devotions (Sharmel)

Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: December 3, 2023 at 10:30

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes (Unapproved)

December 3, 2023 10:30 am

Meeting called to order by Sharmel Olson at 11:00 am

Present: Kathi Anderson, Dick Feltman, Mark Huber, Rosemary Mohr, Prestyn Haugen, Pastor Young Chung

Devotions were read by Prestyn.

Additions to the agenda: New Member Sunday and Thermostats in church

Reading last month's minutes were reviewed. Dick made a motion to accept and Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report given by Will Haugen. Kathi made a motion to accept and Prestyn seconded. Motion carried.

- 2024 Budget proposal was discussed. Rosemary made a motion to accept and Mark seconded with updates to church insurance and worship. Motion carried.
- Funds to be moved from Capital Campaign fundraising account to general account.
- Hickey bill for new water heater to come out of Lutefisk fundraising account

Correspondence: Thank you from Sheriff's Department for donation and letter from SD Synod with update of churches in the state giving.

Committee Reports:

- **Deacons:** Pastor Young – Scholarship brunch held today and they are making gift bags for Wowsome program and home bound members
- **Property:** Dick – Dick will try and sell the old water heater
- **Worship:** Kathi – no report
- **Stewardship:** Mark – no report
- **Education:** Rosemary – no report
- **Technology:** Sharmel no update on Microphone upgrade

Pastor's report: Updates given with Capital Campaign, Bethlehem in Brule County, etc. Pastor Young asked to roll over one week of vacation to the 2024 year. Dick made a motion to accept and Kathi seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Capital Campaign – updated given. Total income to date is \$49,103.69. Expenses \$19,466.51. Transferred to general account \$29,637.18
- Church insurance – Changing to Fisher Round insurance. Dick made a motion to accept and Kathi seconded. Motion carried.
- Committee and council openings for 2024 – council 1 – 1 yr term, 2 – 3 year terms; Deacons 4 opening
- Inactive members (tabled to January)
- Noisy offering for January – Lutheran Outdoors
- December Offering Teller (Rosemary) & Devotions (Prestyn)
- January Offering Teller and Devotions - Sharmel

New Business:

- Annual meeting date and preparation – January 28, 2024 with reports due by January 12th. Council will host
- Secretary position – resignation of Sarah and Mary approved. Rosemary was asked by Pastor to help fill in. Rosemary has agreed through January and then we will reassess
- Noisy offering for February tabled to next meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dick and seconded by Kathi. So moved.

Concluded with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting will be held on January 7, 2023 at 10:30

Trinity Lutheran Deacons Meeting

December 14th, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Present: Julie Woodruff, Pastor Young, Julie Menzie, Janet Coy, Shelly Goodman, Karen Niles, and Andrea Olson.

The meeting was called to order by Julie Woodruff.

A devotional was shared with the group by Janet Coy.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Shelly made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Janet seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report as of December 2023: Deacons balance is \$383.59. December scholarship brunch earned: \$220.00. Scholarship balance \$3,856.87. November expenses: \$106.82

Old Business:

- Review the prayers list and updated

New Business:

- Pastor Items
 - Nothing new to note
 - Thanked for the pastor appreciation Wowsome gift, and December brunch.
- Reviewed shut-ins list for Christmas gift
 - Gifts were put together and divided up to be given out.
- Wowsome Christmas program is December 20th
 - Deacons put together a gift for students and will hand out after the program
- Reviewed outgoing Deacons
 - Janet Coy
 - Julie Menzie
 - Cortney Haugen
 - Aaryn Schaub

Upcoming Events:

- December 20th – Christmas Program

January Deacon: Julie Woodruff

Next Meeting: January 11th at 5:30

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Andrea Olson
Secretary

Due Dates/Time:



Bulletin Announcements: if you have info to be included in the bulletin, please email it to the secretary at trinitysec@midstatesd.net by Tuesday at 4 pm.

Newsletter Information: if you have info to be included in the newsletter, please email it to Pastor at trinity@midstatesd.net by the 20th of each month.

We appreciate your cooperation in advance. ~Trinity Staff



Women's Bible Study

2nd Thursday of each Month

at 10 a.m.

NEXT GATHERING: Jan 11

Holy Communion

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



Council Members

President - Sharmel Olson

Vice President - Mark Huber

Secretary - Dotty Hieb

Members at large - Kathi Anderson,
Rosemary Mohr, Dick Feltman

Youth - Prestyn Haugen

Deacons

Chairman - Julie Woodruff

Vice - Karen Niles

Secretary - Andrea Olson

Treasurer - Julie Menzie

Members at large - Shelly Goodman,
Cortney Haugen, Jen Reimer, Aaryn
Schaub, Janet Coy

PRAYER LISTS

LeRoy Brown – Bob Brown’s brother
Lance Buum – Grandson to Marlys & Roger Buum
Esther Hanson – TLC Member
Neoma Harris – TLC Member
Kayleen Haiar – Granddaughter of Loren & Charlotte Geerdes
Kyle Haiar – Grandson of Loren & Charlotte Geerdes
Mike Hallman – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Sandy Hook – Friend of Mary Brown
Bette & Bob Juhl – Parents of Teena Mosel
Larry Kercher – Special friend of Brittany Buum
Marcia & Terry Kindt – Grandparents of Bryan Kindt & Eryanne Normile
Ranissa Koellner – Cousin to Bryan Kindt & Eryanne Normile
Karla Kuipers – Friend of Judy & Roger Campbell
Ben Larson – Nephew of Neoma Harris
Alisa Solem – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Joel Sprecher – Brother of Paula Feltman
Chris Reinboth – Sister of Kay Hines
Kathy Turgeon – Relative of Judy & Roger Campbell
Amber Verkel – Granddaughter of Janet Coy

People to be remembered:

Vivian Cleland
Ruth Jibbens
Deah Killion
Mariah Normile

Gunner Olesen
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.

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.



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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 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 1: Kay Hines
 Jan. 2: Harry Munkvold
 Jan. 3: Rowyn Korzan
 Jan. 6: Rowen Longhenry
 Jan. 7: Marlys Buom
 Jan. 7: Kay Kjongegaard
 Jan. 13: Keith Osterberg
 Jan. 18: Kellen Meyerink
 Jan. 20: Mike Bunker
 Jan. 20: Caleb Reimer
 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 7	Normile Family	Normile Family	Normile Family
Jan 14	Rosemary Mohr		No assistant
Jan 21	Wall Family	Wall Family	
Jan 28	Kathi Anderson	Dianne Graves	No assistant

January 2024

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