



**Dear friends in Christ
at Trinity Lutheran Church,**

Thanks to the Dedicated Leadership in 2022

If you were not at the annual meeting, I want to remind you to remember and give thanks for the elected leaders and all the volunteers that help with the ministry of Trinity Lutheran. I hope that all the members of Trinity Lutheran will take the opportunity to thank these individuals for their faithful service.

If you have not picked up a copy of the annual report, they are available in the church office. The names of the elected leaders are listed in the annual report along with their reports.

A Special Word of Thanks

As you may know, I had knee replacement surgery on January 26. The surgery went well, and I am in the recovery process, but I do not know how long it will take. I know that I do not heal as fast as I used to, but the recovery is going well, and I will start rehab therapy the first week in February.

Suzanne and I want to thank the members of Trinity for the outpouring of support for us during this time. Your thoughts and prayers along with greetings are greatly appreciated. I especially want to thank Ann Marie Rossing for leading worship on January 30 and Jim Iverson for leading worship and presiding at communion on February 5 & 6. I hope to be back at worship on the 3rd or 4th Sunday in February, it all depends on how the rehab goes.

Thanks again for your outpouring of concern.

MISSION & MINISTRY 2022

As we approach the coming year with new council members, much is being written about what to expect in the year ahead. How will the church adjust and adapt to the coming changes? Who will be called to guide us as our new pastor? Will we be ready to embrace the future with confidence and hope?

I hope as the new year progresses, we will move from a pandemic mindset to an endemic mindset. But make no mistake, the threat of COVID and the variants is still real. I hope we will not have to cancel Sunday School, Confirmation Classes and Youth Group because of another spike in numbers in the Madison community.

Trinity is blessed with the use of good technology to make our worship services available online. I have been asked when things will return to normal, but no one knows what the new normal will look like but it will never be just like it was before COVID. Mission focused congregations will be open to innovation as they embrace the future.

LENT IS COMING SOON Ash Wednesday – March 2

The 2022 Lenten theme will focus on the importance of Passing on the Faith and the importance of Faith Formation, especially in the home. The ministry of the congregation can only build on what is shared in the home and we will emphasize how the home can be the center of faith formation. Martin Luther noted that the greatest pulpit is the kitchen table. He wrote the small catechism and a guide for parents to teach the basics of the Christian faith to their children. Parents have the most influence on the faith development of their children.

Plan on joining together for Lenten Meals and Mid-Week Lenten services.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bob & Suzanne Hansen

December 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
December 14, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The Trinity Lutheran Church mission statement was recited by council members: "Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work."

The December council meeting was called to order by President Rob Thuringer at 7:00 P.M.

Those in attendance were Pastor Bob Hansen, Deacon Suzanne Hansen, President Rob Thuringer, Vice President Danny Brown, and Secretary Joan Merager

Deacons: Jim Iverson, Nancy Sabbe, Brianna Routier, Becky Brown & Lora Ersland

Trustees: Dana Hoff, Tim Walburg, & Corey Strom

Parish Ed.: Jennifer Briggs, & Bridget Van Liere

Absent & excused were: Lori Schultz, Susan Farrell-Poncelet, Kristin Morse, Sid Gulbranson, & Josh Van Dyke.

Vice President Danny Brown led the council in devotions by reading from Luke 1:46–55.

President Rob asked for a motion to approve the agenda and that was made by Tim Walburg and seconded by Danny Brown. Motion passed.

The secretary minutes were presented and with no additions or corrections Jennifer Briggs made a motion to approve and Bridget Van Liere seconded. Motion passed.

The financial report was discussed, the trees have been trimmed on the south side of the church. Jennifer Briggs made a motion to approve the report and Brianna Routier seconded. Motion passed.

Discussed the "I Am Campaign" and President Rob reported \$14,908.00 has been applied to the principal of the loan. We had discussion and Danny reported we pay almost \$7000.00 each month on our loan. Danny Brown made a motion to set our Building Capital Campaign reserve at \$42,000. and whenever it goes higher we pay out the difference to the capital campaign loan principal, Jennifer Briggs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Staff Reports were presented by:

Pastor Bob Hansen reported we are having new members join our church on December 18th. A motion to approve the new members was made by Nancy Sabbe and seconded by Brianna Routier. Motion passed.

Pastor Bob is working on our membership and trying to get correct addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Deacon Suzanne Hansen reported:

- There are lots of things coming up for the youth
- The 1st down payment has been made for the Na-

tional Youth Gathering in which 7 youth and 2 adults Jennifer Briggs and Becky Fjerstad will attend.

President Rob Thuringer reported:

- Digital sign donated by the Terry Schultz was installed on the north side of the parish education building
- Paying on the principal of our loan the \$14,908. This will save the church \$60.00 a month in interest.

Vice President Danny Brown reported:

- Danny Brown and David Jencks will work on getting the preschool their own EIN# as they should be separate for liability reasons.

Parish Education Jennifer Briggs reported:

- Sunday school going well and materials are ordered for spring semester, January thru May 1st.
- May 1st is the last day of Sunday school
- ELCA Good Gifts will be purchased with kids can offering.
- Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm and young children will dress in our costumes.
- Discussing Lenten suppers and may have the confirmation students, parents, and guides do the serving and the Trinity service groups will provide the food.
- Discussed the Ash Wednesday supper and plans are to start serving that night.
- 7 youth and 2 adults will attend the National Youth Gathering and will travel with Lutheran Outdoors group.
- Discussed the many youth accounts and may combine some.

Deacons Chairman Jim Iverson reported:

- Worship & Music Nancy Sabbe is working with Pastor Bob on a Christmas Day worship which will be at 9:30am. Pastor Bob & Deacon Suzanne will be gone to their families and Jim Iverson will read the Christmas gospel verses, but would like to have another person read portions of the service.
- Life & Growth Lora Ersland has sent the letters to the January service group members. Also discussed the soup suppers for this coming Lenten season.
- Services & Sacraments Jim Iverson reported the home communion list has grown. Fortunately, he has enough volunteers to handle this.

Jon Hunter will conduct both services on Sunday, December 26th.

Jim Iverson will conduct the Saturday evening service on the first Saturday of the month January 8th, February 5th, and March 5th with a 5:00 potluck and 6:00 worship. Pastor Bob will not have to come to Madison in the win-

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ter for that service. Pastor Bob will check with Bishop Constanze Hagmaier to authorize Jim Iverson to do Holy Communion at each service.

- Evangelical Outreach Brianna Routier will have ads on the KJAM radio station and printed in the Madison daily newspaper for our Christmas services.
- Five members along with Pastor Bob & Deacon Suzanne are going to St. Dysmas on December 16th.
- Other Deacon information:

Pastor Bob shared that 100 letters have been sent to those listed on our membership rolls but he is unable to contact them by either telephone or email. At the 2020 Annual Meeting, our records show that we have 1701 baptized members, but he has determined that all "active members" on our computer records actually total 1013. At the January council meeting, he will ask the council to have names moved to an Inactive list and not count them in the annual report to the Synod office. This further supports the recommendation being made now for calling one Pastor and filling the Faith Formation Director position.

- Jim Iverson asked why the American flag and the South Dakota state flag are no longer displayed in the front of the sanctuary. He and Pastor Bob have been asked by two individuals about it. Iverson brought this up at the Executive Board meeting and there was no objection in having the flags returned to the sanctuary.
- The Deacons have made few changes to the draft of the 2022 Deacon Mission Plan.
- Iverson shared that the 2021 Mission of the Month expenditures had not been done all year due to a breakdown in communication between himself, the office, and the Trustees. The only monies donated to the agencies that were identified for this year came from Trinity members who designated specific agencies. As of 12-1-21, \$1912. has been given when in fact we had budgeted \$4000. To be disbursed in 2021. The 2021 Mission of the Month list was reviewed. Iverson asked if there were any changes and Pastor Bob suggested that one of the programs we could support would be one of the Native American ministries that are being supported by our Synod and congregations in the state. Iverson will contact Rev. Jonathon Steiner, Director for Evangelical Mission and Associate to the Bishop for his suggestions as to who has the greatest need for financial support.

It was decided to budget \$4000. In the Benevolence

portion of the Mission Plan for 2022, and that a monthly list of organizations will be presented at the January council meeting for approval. It was agreed that the Deacons will have the amount Trinity will give each month in that document. Whatever comes in as donations will be applied towards the budgeted amount each month. If the donations exceed the budgeted amount, that amount will be used in the benevolence giving that month. If no donations come in for a month, the budgeted amount will be expended.

Trustee Chairman Dana Hoff reported:

- Approved paying the bills
- Trees have been trimmed on the front of church
- New hot water heater has been installed.

New Business:

- Boards must finish their mission plans for the January council meeting.
- Becky Brown and her committee are seeking members to fill council positions.
- Discussion was held on our council and should we have youth who would be willing to attend and see how the church operates. This could be a great learning experience.
- Lora Ersland made a motion to create a Youth Advisory Committee consisting of up to 3 senior high youth members who have been confirmed and approved and selected and appointed by the Board of Education and executive committee. Jennifer Briggs seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Danny Brown made a motion to have Trinity Lutheran Church Annual meeting on January 23rd with a snow day of January 30th. The meeting will follow the 2nd service and begin at 12:05. Lora Ersland seconded. Motion carried.
- The Boy Scouts will be having their pancake feed on February 6th from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Corey Strom made a motion to adjourn the December council meeting and Becky Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pastor Bob led us in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, "The Lord's Prayer."

Jennifer Briggs thanked Joan Merager for being the council secretary for 12 years as she has resigned effective December 31, 2021.

Next council meeting will be January 11, 2022.

Parish Ed. will be providing the treats for this meeting. Deacons provided the treats for the December council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Merager, Council Secretary

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday		01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM - 11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM - 6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18 • 6:30PM - 7:30PM BSA Pack 5 Wolf Den Mtng. : Youth Room
06 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00AM - 1:00PM Scouts' Pancake Breakfast : Fellowship Hall • 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM - 10:45AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:00AM - 12:00PM Deb Nold Funeral : Sanctuary • 11:30AM - 1:00PM Deb Nold Funeral Reception : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM - 7:00PM Cub Scout Den Mtngs. : Youth Room • 7:00PM - 8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM - 11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM - 6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18 • 6:30PM - 7:30PM BSA Pack 5 Wolf Den Mtng. : Conference Room
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM - 10:45AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms ; Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	14 <i>St. Valentine's Day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00PM - 7:00PM Cub Scout Den Mtngs. : Youth Room • 7:00PM - 8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM - 11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM - 11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 12:00PM - 1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom • 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:00PM - 6:00PM Precouncil Executives' Meeting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM - 6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18 • 6:30PM - 7:00PM Trustees' Board Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Deacons' Board Meeting : Fireside Room ; Parish Education Board Meeting : Youth Room • 6:30PM - 7:30PM BSA Pack 5 Wolf Den Mtng. : Conference Room • 7:00PM - 9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM - 8:00PM Martha/Naomi Circle : Fireside Room
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM - 10:45AM Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall ; No Sunday School • 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	21 <i>Presidents' Day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Preschool • Office Closed • 6:00PM - 7:00PM Cub Scout Den Mtngs. : Youth Room • 7:00PM - 8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM - 11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM - 6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18
27 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM - 10:45AM Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall ; Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM - 3:00PM Bingo Bash : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00PM - 7:00PM Cub Scout Den Mtngs. : Youth Room • 7:00PM - 8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	

2022

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>02 <i>Presentation of Our Lord/Candlemas</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30PM - 5:00PM Jubilant Bell Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:00PM - 5:45PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 5:15PM - 6:00PM Epiphany Bell Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM - 6:30PM 6th-8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall, Upper Level Sun. School Rooms • 6:30PM - 7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM - 8:00PM HS Youth Group : Youth Room ; Preschool Board Meeting : Conference Room 	<p>03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM - 8:00PM Celebration Team Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 6:30PM - 7:30PM Webelos 2 Den Meeting : Fireside Room 	<p>04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>05</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM - 6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM - 7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
<p>09</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30PM - 5:00PM Jubilant Bell Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:00PM - 5:45PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 5:15PM - 6:00PM Epiphany Bell Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM - 6:30PM 6th-8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall, Upper Level Sun. School Rooms • 6:30PM - 7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM - 8:00PM HS Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM - 7:30PM Webelos 2 Den Meeting : Fireside Room 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	
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<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30PM - 5:00PM Jubilant Bell Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:00PM - 5:45PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 5:15PM - 6:00PM Epiphany Bell Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM - 6:30PM 6th-8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall, Upper Level Sun. School Rooms • 6:30PM - 7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM - 8:00PM HS Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM - 8:00PM Pack 5 Pack Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>26</p>

Membership Information

Is your info. up-to-date?

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your land-line? Did you change your e-mail address? Did you get married? Did you have a baby? Did you get a divorce? Do you wonder why the church has not been connecting with you? Please notify the church office when you have an address change, e-mail change, marital status change, etc. or update the information on your Realm account.

Bingo Bash

Bingo Bash plans have changed. The Trinity Bingo Bash is now scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 27 at noon! If you'd like to provide soup for the meal or baked goods for Bingo prizes, please see the online sign-up sheet link below or contact the church office. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B48ACA92CA0FB6-bingo>

Church Council Openings

The nominating committee wants to hear from YOU! We ask that you prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents as a member of Trinity's Church Council.

To explore options for serving on Council please contact Pastor Bob, or any member of the Nominating Committee.

Becky Brown: 605-270-2160

Patti Weber: 605-480-3231

Julie Jones: 605-270-9715

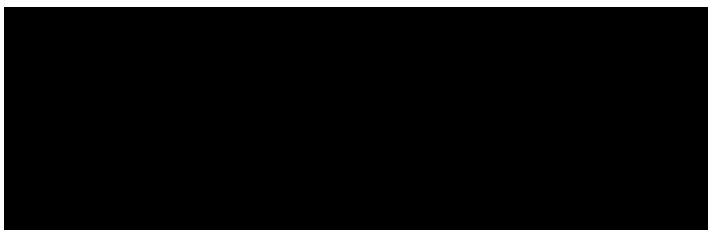
Scott Delzer: 605-270-0859

Susan Williams: 605-480-0201

Brenda Strom: 605-480-1402

Worship Assistant Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to take care of the various aspects of worship. To volunteer, please contact the church office at 256-2771 or office@tlcmadison.com. You may also use the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Thank you.



Join us each Thursday
1:00–3:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
for Coffee Time on Thursdays
All are welcome!

Home Communion Helpers

Thank you to the following for delivering home communion during January: Jim Iverson, Bobbi and Ron Janke, and David and Ann Marie Rossing.

Help Needed for Funerals

The funeral committee is looking for volunteers to serve meals after funerals. Interested individuals may contact the office.

Soup Containers Wanted

Ice cream pails with lids are requested for use during the upcoming Lenten soup suppers. You may bring them to the kitchen. Thank you!

Men's Group Update

The Men's Bible Study Group started a new book on January 7th: The Gospel of Luke. We meet at 6:30 a.m. on Zoom. All male members of TLC are invited and should contact the office for more details.

Souperbowl Sunday

Support the local food pantry and have a little fun! On Souperbowl Sunday, February 13, vote for the team you want to win by placing a can of soup or cash in the box for either the Cincinnati Bengals or Los Angeles Rams. Boxes are found in the narthex. Soup and cash will be counted at the end of the 11:00 worship service to determine Trinity's "winner." All proceeds benefit the Lake County Food Pantry.

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials

In Honor of Beda and Raymond Tidblom
Alice Crapser

In Memory of Marlys Schultz
Bernie Eichstadt
Brent and Phamtip Bargmann
Karen Feige

In Memory of Terry Heibult
Myron and Clara Downs
Bill and Diane Bruns

In Memory of Donna Oines
Bill and Diane Bruns
Arvin and Rosemary Limmer
JoAnn Lingbeck
Matt and Kim Bruns

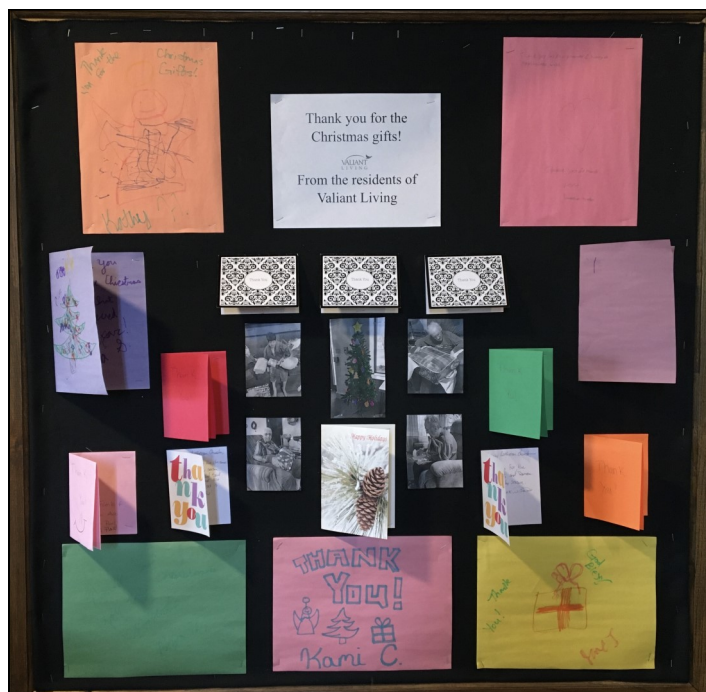
In Memory of Shirley Pagel
Myron and Clara Downs

In Memory of Albert Barber
Bill and Diane Bruns

In Memory of Virginia Huntimer
Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Memory of Floris Hilmoe
Darwin and Barbara Egeberg

In Memory of Wanda Lee
Darwin and Barbara Egeberg



Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Valiant Living tree last fall to pick up an ornament and provide a Christmas gift for a Valiant Living resident. Stop by the bulletin board in the narthex to see photos and notes of thanks from them!

Reminder: There will be no Sunday school on Sunday, February 20 due to the Presidents' Day holiday. See you back in Sunday school on February 27!

Worship Service Broadcasts

Trinity's Sunday worship services are available for livestreaming on our YouTube channel. You can locate Trinity's YouTube broadcasts at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJnM7Q5grov8sKctyvJ_rA. Don't forget to subscribe to the channel and click the bell to get notifications of new videos.

You may listen to the radio broadcast of Sunday worship on KJAM 1390 AM at noon (12:00 p.m.) on Sundays.



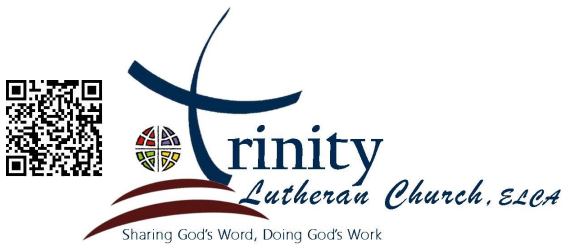
Preschool Enrollment

Fall 2022 registration for Trinity Lutheran Preschool is now open to the public.

<https://tlcmadison.com/trinitylutheranpreschool/enrollment/>

A registration fee of \$25 is due with completed registration form. You can turn it in to the office. For more information see the link above or e-mail Beth Himley at preschool@tlcmadison.com.

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Financial Giving Options

- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Credit cards can be processed in the church office.
- The church website (www.tlcmadison.com) allows for one-time or recurring donations using a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card.
- The Electronic Giving option through Vanco can also be initialized by filling out an application form in the church office.
- If you should have questions with any of these options or would like to discuss which one is the best option for you, please call Alex at the church office at 256-2771.

Mission of the Month

The February Mission of the Month is Madison Area Ministerial Assistance Fund.

Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes to Mission of the Month Fund.

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for February is pancake mix and syrup.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Terry Heibult on January 2

Ethel Dover on January 2

Donna Oines on January 3

Joyce Severson on January 31

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Help Wanted

Trinity Lutheran Church has a job opening for a wedding coordinator. Contact the church office if interested.