

Trinity Tidings - February 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church



203 N. Harth Ave.

**Sharing God's Word.
Doing God's Work.**





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YOUTUBE

You can now view all Sunday worship services on our YouTube channel! Just search for *Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA* or click on the link on our website!



FOOD PANTRY

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month is pancake mix and syrup. Donations can be brought to Trinity.



EMAIL ADDRESS



If you are currently receiving the Trinity Tidings in the mail and would like to receive it electronically, please contact the church office. Also, we send out "e-news"

that will be delivered to your inbox weekly! If you have not received this and would like to, please let the office know your email address.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



**IS YOUR
INFO UP
TO DATE?**

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your land line? Did you change your email 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 let us know when you have an address change, email change, marital status change, etc. If you are on Facebook or Twitter, or look under "Forms" on our website, you can find a new information change form on our page. Check it out!

CARE TEAM

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please contact the church office to let us know. Thank you from Trinity's Care Team.

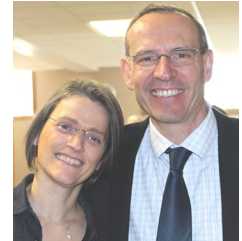




PASTOR'S NOTES

Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit! – “You don’t know if you like it, unless you try it.”



Those were my mom’s words, the German version of course, when she wanted me to try something that would be new to me. I have to admit that some things took more than one or two tries, make that at least seven tries, like Sauerkraut, and some things I never learned to like, even though I faithfully tried, like Lutefisk, and that isn’t even German. My point is, that for the most part of our life, we don’t know whether or not we like something until we try it more than once. And every time we try, we take a step outside our comfort zone, and we grow.

This year, Lent is one of those “You don’t know if you like it, unless you try it”-moments in my life and Trinity’s life. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to step out of your comfort zone with me and join me for an online Lenten Bible Study on Trinity’s Facebook page for a total of six weeks. Trust me, I don’t even like having my picture taken, so watching me on Facebook leading a Bible Study is waaaaaaay out of my comfort zone. But as I said above, I don’t know if I like it, unless I try it. So, I am going to try it. I don’t know that I have anything to lose, except of my fear. How about you join me? No more excuses, since you can join at your own time and pace, since it is online ... In the end, what do you have to lose, but your fear?

I am still working on the details such as uploading a pre-recorded video versus going ‘live’, if you have any insights and experience with that, feel free to share them with me. I am currently also in conversation with the publishing house on copyright questions. But my plan is, to have the weekly study available for you to view on Sunday nights at 8:00 pm. And for all of you that prefer a face to face study, I will also be offering a Small Group Study every Thursday at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room at Trinity.

If you chose to participate in the group meeting, please purchase a copy of “Easter Earthquake” by James Harnish. You may obtain a copy by letting me know via pastorconstanze@tlcmadison.com or by giving me a call at 256-2771. A copy is \$15.00 including S&H, or you may download an electronic version for your Kindle at Amazon.com for less. The **deadline to place orders is Thursday, February 8th**.

See you in person (beginning Thursday, February 15th at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room) or on Facebook (beginning Sunday, February 18th at 8:00 pm); to have your world be shaken by the good news, that we meet Jesus on the road of our ordinary life. Let’s do this!

**In Christ,
Pastor Constanze**



STAFF		
Rev. Dirk Hagmaier	Co-Pastor	256-2771
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier	Co-Pastor	256-2771
Sandy Rhode, AIM	Youth & Education Director	256-2771
Kate Shaw	Office Manager	256-2771
Lisa Gale	Office Assistant	256-2771
Alex Eykamp	Music & Worship Ministries	256-2771
Preschool Staff		
Summer DuRandt	Preschool Director	256-2771
Kim Bruns	Preschool Assistant	256-2771

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS		
Jennifer Briggs	President	480-1870
Terry Schultz	Vice-President	270-2600
Joan Merager	Secretary	256-2296
Katie Nelson	Treasurer	556-0051

BOARD OF DEACONS		
Nancy Sabbe (19)	Chair/Worship and Music	256-3664
Heath Abraham (21)	Mission Momentum	480-3039
Linda Brick (20)	Sacraments & Services	256-2375
Patti Weber (20)	Life & Growth	480-3231
Chase Hanson (20)	Evangelical Outreach	480-2259

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION		
Megan Schneider (21)	Elementary Education	480-4858
Carolyn Feige (19)	Chair/Continuing Education/Library	270-1320
Dana Hoff (20)	Youth Ministry	480-0047
Julie Jones (19)	Preschool & Early Childhood	256-2771
Adam Shaw (19)	Confirmation Education	270-4302
Sandy Rhode, AIM	Youth & Education Director	256-2771

BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
Keith Knutson (19)	Chair./Stewardship	256-3006
Randy VanRosendale (20)	Church/Sanctuary Property	256-9669
Wayne Halma (20)	Education Wing	291-2174
Steve Millage (21)	Development & Planning	677-9135
Elizabeth Molstad (20)	Insurance	482-8254

Church Council meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship hall the second Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend a council meeting, or contact any of the above leaders with any concerns, suggestions, or questions. We are here to serve you!

If you would like to participate in any of these opportunities, please feel free to contact the contact person listed. If you have an interest in an activity not listed, please contact the church office (256-2771).

FOUNDATION COMMISSION		
Jennifer Briggs (18)	Vice-President	480-1870
Tom Farrell (17)	Treasurer	256-6777
Rob Thuringer (18)	Commission Member	480-0917
Nancy Kasuske (21)	Secretary	483-3199
Valerie Kuhl (20)	Chr./Commission Member	256-6882
Marc Molskness (19)	Commission Member	483-3561

CHOIRS		
Vocal Directors:		
Adult	Sandy Cole	256-3222
Chapel (Grades 9-12)	Virginia Lemme	483-3125
Chancel (Grades 5-8)	Emily Knuths	270-6269
Covenant (Grades 1-4)	Mary Hunter	256-3280
Sunday School Choir Directors:		
Preschool 1-Kindergarten	Tami Christiansen	480-0727
Grade 1-4	Stacey Riedel	256-3665
Handbell Directors:		
Epiphany	Diane Plack	256-3665
Jubliant	Sandy Cole	256-3222
Celebration Team Director	Virginia Lemme	483-3125

NOMINATING COMMITTEE		
Nancy Presuhn (18)	Congregational Delegate	256-3419
Mike Brooke (18)	Council Delegate	256-0245
Becky Brown (18)	Council Delegate	256-2509
Randy VanRosendale (19)	Congregational Delegate	256-9669
Karen Kalvig (20)	Congregational Delegate	256-2347
Tim Walburg (20)	Congregational Delegate	556-0103

FUNERAL COMMITTEE		
Sandy Cole		256-3222
Mary Hutchinson		256-0281
Nancy Miller		256-2145
Kay Johnson		256-4798
Sharol Bargmann		256-3865
Mary Cole		256-1543

MISCELLANEOUS		
Newsletter	Kate Shaw	256-2771
Mission of the Month	Ann Marie Rossing	256-3851
Prayer Chain	Pastor Constanze	256-2771
Video Communication	Roger Hillestad	256-4087
Trinity Women	Nancy Miller	256-2145
Wedding Coordinator	Robin Boldt	256-2771



FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR SANDY

From the Youth & Education Director:



On **Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 10:45 a.m.**, the Middle School LYO Committee will meet in the Youth Room for their monthly meeting.

On **Sunday, February 4, 2018 from 12:15-5:00 p.m.** the fifth grade students (and others that haven't attended) will have a "First Communion Retreat" in the **Fireside Room**. We will begin the retreat with lunch at 12:15 p.m. and start our sessions at 12:45 p.m. During this time together the students will be engaging in all of their senses while studying from the "Come To God's Table" workbook, doing a craft, watching movie clips, making the Communion Bread with some of the Trinity "Loafers" for the Maundy Thursday Worship Service and other surprises. At **4:30 p.m.**, we would like all parents to be a part of the Rehearsal and Review in the Church Sanctuary. Please meet us in the Church Sanctuary to finish the afternoon. We will have the "First Communion" on **Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Maundy Thursday Service.**

On **Wednesday, February 7, 2018**, we will have a Mentor Meeting at **7:30 p.m.** in the Nursery **for Mentors only!**

8th Grade Confirmation Students and Parents: There will be a Mentor, Confirmand, and Parent Information Meeting on **Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

The Acolyte Schedule for this month is as follows: **2/4/18-8:45 a.m.**-John Souter/Keygan Cruz; **11:00 a.m.**-Kylie Krusemark/Raena Rost; **2/11/18-8:45 a.m.**-Zach Ryan/Trent Olson; **11:00 a.m.**-Abby Rhode/Colby Vostad; **2/18/18-8:45 a.m.**-Raina Paquette/Chris Driscoll; **11:00 a.m.**-Ashlyn Strom/McKenna Shaw; **2/25/18-8:45 a.m.**-Breanna Coomes/Braxton Bender; **11:00 a.m.**-Kylie Krusemark/Raena Rost.

On **Sunday, February 4, 2018**, we will honor the high school juniors with a "Milestone Ministry" gift and blessing at both the **8:45 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** Worship Services. At **10:00 a.m.**, Pastor Dirk will meet with the **high school juniors and their parents** to have a time to do a learning activity together in the **Fireside Room**.

I want to thank all of the parents who have volunteered to serve a Wednesday night supper for the confirmands/ congregation members. The following parents have volunteered to provide supper for this month: **2/7/18-** Stacy Olesen/ Krysten Cruz, **2/14/18-"Ash Wednesday"-Soup Supper, 2/21/18-3/21/18-Lenten Soup Suppers.**

The Milestone Ministry Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Church Office.

Beginning **Wednesday, February 14, 2018**, Ash Wednesday, we will have Lenten Suppers from **5:30-6:45 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Soup Suppers will be held every Wednesday night through **March 21, 2018**. The donations from the Soup Suppers will be used for Camperships for the 22 youth planning to attend a Lutherans Outdoors Camp. The cost of camp has increased again this year with an average of \$500-\$525. The youth attending camp, their parents, the Confirmation students, and Guides will be helping serve the Soup Suppers and delivering soup to the shut-ins. All of the Confirmation students are expected to meet with their Confirmation Guides from **6:15-6:45 p.m.** in their Small Group classroom and sit with their Guides at the Lenten Worship Services at **7:00 p.m.** following the Small Group session. Each student will be expected to take sermon notes at each Lenten Service (**February 14-March 21, 2018**) and the **Maundy Thursday Service on March 29, 2018**.

On **Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.**, the Summer Ministry Committee will meet in the Church Office.

On **Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.** Worship Services, the Kindergarten students will be honored and will receive their "Milestone Ministry" gift and blessing from the Milestone Ministry Committee. During the Sunday School hour at **10:00 a.m.**, all **Kindergarten students, their parents, and teachers** will meet in the Fireside Room to have a time to do a learning activity together with Pastor Constanze.

Seniors 2018! Please call the church office if you are considering attending Augustana University for the fall 2018 term, so we can put your name on the PACT form.

Seniors 2018! Please turn in a **senior picture and a short resume** of your future plans to me for a special display that we are planning for you. Your promptness will be greatly appreciated!

Sandy Rhode



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>Sunday Schedule: 8:00 am—Coffee Hour (Narthex) 8:45 am—Worship Traditional (S) 9:45 am—Coffee Hour (FH) 10:00 am—Sunday School 11:00 am—Worship Celebration (S) <i>Communion on the 1st and</i></p>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: 4:30 pm—Youth Jubilant Bell Choir (SB) 5:15 pm—Epiphany Bell Choir (SB) Covenant Choir (FS) Chancel Choir (YR) 6:00 pm—Chapel Choir (FS) 6:45 pm—Adult Choir (FS) 6:45pm—Celebration Practice (S)</p>	<p>Council Schedule: <i>(2nd Tuesday of the month)</i> 1:00 pm—Finance Com .(CR) 5:15 pm—Precouncil (CR) 5:15 pm—Milestone Ministry Committee Mtg (CO) 5:45 pm—Executive Council(CR) 6:30 pm—Board of Trustee(FH) 6:30 pm—Board of Deacons(CR) 6:30 pm—Board of Ed (CO) 8:00 pm—Council Meeting</p>	<p>Room Codes: CO=Church Office CR=Conference Room FS=Fireside Room FH= Fellowship Hall S=Sanctuary SB=Sanctuary Balcony SR= Sonshine Room YR=Youth Room</p>
<p>4 **See Sunday Schedule 8:00 am—1:00pm Troop 5 Pancake Breakfast 8:45 am Traditional Service & HS Juniors Milestone 10:00 am HS Juniors Milestone -(FS) 11:00 am Celebration Service & HS Juniors Milestone 12:15– 5:00pm 5th Grade 1st Communion retreat -(FS/ 1)FH/S)</p>	<p>5 8:00 am Sonshine 5:00 pm– 8:00 pm HSLYO Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p> 	<p>6 8:00 am Sonshine 8:30 am Staff meeting 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH) 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18) 5:00– 9:00 pm Blue and Gold Banquet -(FH) 6:30 pm Tiger Den 4 Mtg -(YR)</p>	<p>7 8:00 am Sonshine 6:30 pm NO 7 & 8th Gr. Confirmation 6:30 pm Confirmation Guide Huddle 6:45 pm HS Bible Study- (YR) **See Wednesday Schedule</p>
<p>11 **See Sunday Schedule 8:45 am Traditional Service & New Council Member Installation 11:00am Celebration Service & New Council Member Installation 6:30 pm Webelos 1Mtg -(YR) 6:30 –8:00 pm HS-LYO Valentine Candlelight Dinner- (FH)</p>	<p>12 8:00 am Sonshine 4:00 pm Cancer Support Group- (Nicky's) 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>13 8:00 am Sonshine 8:30 am Staff meeting 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH) 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)</p> <p>**See Council Schedule</p> 	<p>14  8:00 am Sonshine 5:30 –6:45 pm Lenten Soup Supper- (FH) 6:15-6:45 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation Small Groups 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Services</p> <p>**See Wednesday Schedule</p> <p> Valentine's Day</p>
<p>18  **Jingle Change **See Sunday Schedule</p>	<p>19 OFFICE CLOSED President's Day 8:00 am Sonshine 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p> 	<p>20 8:00 am Sonshine 8:30 am Staff meeting 9:00 am Mary Circle- (OS) 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH) 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18) 7:00 pm Martha/Naomi Circle- (off-site)</p>	<p>21 8:00 am Sonshine 9:00 am Ruth Circle (off-site) 5:30 –6:45 pm Lenten Soup Supper- (FH) 6:15-6:45 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation Small Groups 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Services</p> <p>**See Wednesday Schedule</p>
<p>25 **See Sunday Schedule 8:45 am Traditional Service & Kindergarten Milestone 10:00 am Kindergarten Milestone -(FS) 11:00 am Celebration Service & Kindergarten Milestone 5:30 pm NYG Mtg/Meal @ Bethany Lutheran -Howard</p>	<p>26 8:00 am Sonshine 7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>27 8:00 am Sonshine 8:30 am Staff meeting 1:00 pm Quilting-(FH) 6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18) 6:00 pm Pack 5 Mtg -(FS)</p>	<p>28 8:00 am Sonshine 5:30 –6:45 pm Lenten Soup Supper- (FH) 6:15-6:45 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation Small Groups 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Services</p> <p>**See Wednesday Schedule</p>



JANUARY CALENDAR

Thu

Fri

Sat

1
8:00 am Sonshine

2
6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)
8:00 am Sonshine
8:00 am ICAP Meeting (FH)


3
6:00 pm Worship -(FH)

8
8:00 am Sonshine
8:30 am Worship Committee Mtg- (CR)

9
6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)
8:00 am Sonshine


10
10:00 am Millage Birthday Party- (FH)
6:00 pm Worship -(FH)

15
8:00 am Sonshine
11:30 am Lenten Bible Study- (FH)



16
6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)
8:00 am Sonshine

17
5:00 pm Potluck
6:00 pm Worship - (FH)



22
8:00 am Sonshine
11:30 am Lenten Bible Study- (FH)
7:00 pm Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild -(FH)

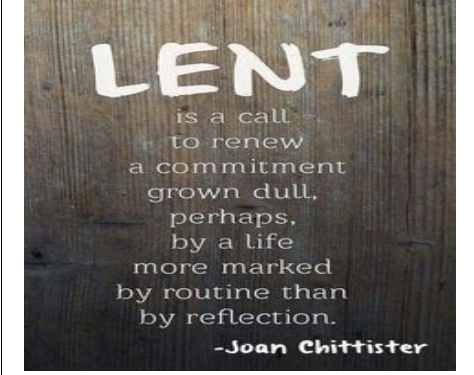


23
6:45 am Men's Group- (FH)
8:00 am Sonshine

24
12:30– 5:30 pm– MSLYO -Skate City
6:00 pm Worship - (FH)



Lenten Wednesday Schedule:
4:30 pm—Youth Bell Choir (SB)
5:00 pm—Epiphany Bell Choir (SB)
5:15 pm—Covenant Choir (FS)
5:30 pm—Soup Supper
5:50 pm—Chancel Choir (YR)
6:00 pm—Chapel Choir (S)
6:00 pm—Adult Choir (FS)
6:15 pm—Confirmation Small Group (various rooms)
7:00 pm—Lenten Worship Service
8:00 pm—Celebration Practice (S)





TRINITY YOUTH NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (MSLYO-GRADE 6-8)

February 24, 2018-12:30-5:30 p.m.-Skate City-\$5.00-Admission/Skate Rental. Bring extra money for snacks.

HIGH SCHOOL LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (HSLYO-GRADE 9-12)

February 5, 2018-5:00-8:00 p.m. Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. We will receive a percentage of the dine-in and carry-out orders. Please plan to join us for supper with your family! This is a fundraiser for the NYG trip to Houston, TX.

February 11, 2018-6:30-8:00 p.m.-Valentine Candlelight Dinner. Tickets will be on sale **until February 4, 2018**. Tickets are \$20.00 each or \$40.00 a couple. Singles, couples, and groups are all welcome!

February 25, 2018-5:00 NYG Group Supper/Meeting at Bethany Lutheran Church, Howard, SD. We will carpool together to Howard.





HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or a family member are no longer able to get to worship or if you desire to share the gifts of the communion, with those no longer able to worship at “church”, please contact the church office. Thank you for considering this ministry as a way to serve or a way to receive His love through those who bring the communion elements to you.
- Board of Deacons



Homebound Holy Communion

Thank you to the following people that helped serve Home Communion for the month of January!
Susan Williams, David and Ann Marie Rossing, Wayne and Dawn Bessman, Roger Moose, Bobbi and Ron Janke and Linda Brick.



BULLETIN BOARD NEWS

Please Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the latest Missionary update from the Langdjis in Cameroon, thank-you's, and other bits of information!





DO YOU KNOW?

If **you** are in this picture or know someone that is, please stop by the church office!!

Confirmation Class of 1977



FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fall/ Winter Services

Saturday Evening Service— In the Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday Worship Services— In the Sanctuary

8:45 am - Traditional Service

11:00 am - Celebration Service





FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY TRINITY CARE FUND

Hearts, flowers, happy little cherubs with bow and arrow and lots of love are what we often associate with the cold, gloomy month of February. Not everyone though experiences those cozy Valentine reminders that cheer the heart. During these cold months, most of us are blessed to have a warm place to call “home”. There are many in the community who struggle with the cost of heat, electricity, food or a place to live on a day-to-day basis. “Home” may not feel very comfortable or cozy in these cold winter months.

We know that Trinity is a source of God’s hope and love to many in our community. We pray that as we serve the physical needs of those who enter our church “home” seeking help, that they will see God’s love through the sharing of our Trinity generosity, in their time of need.

The financial gifts you share are carefully managed and documented by our pastoral staff. Your generous offerings are seen as a “sacred trust”; and shared with discretion and discernment.

The Trinity Care Fund is our Mission of the Month for February, and it is an arm of our church’s ministry in the community of Madison serving those in need throughout the year. Please consider a financial gift which is a tangible expression of Jesus love to others.



MCCROSSAN BOYS RANCH

A great big Thank You from the McCrossan Boys Ranch students for your generous shoe





CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MTG CONT.

THE 131th ANNUAL MEETING

Trinity Lutheran Church
Madison, South Dakota
Sunday, January 21, 2018

The Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison, SD 131st Annual Meeting was called to order by President David Rossing at 12:17 pm.

President Rossing presented the Adoption of Rules:

Please extend courtesy to all when speaking at the microphones.

Unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of the assembly, all speeches during discussion shall be limited to two minutes.

A speaker on one side of the question shall be followed by a speaker on the other side.

President Rossing asked for a motion to accept the Adoption of Rules and a motion was made by Bob Ellsworth and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion passed.

Pastor Dirk led the Litany from the Annual Congregational Meeting Opening Liturgy and led us in prayer.

President Rossing reported that Bishop David B. Zellmer urged us to pray often for our meeting and also if needed; take prayer breaks. Bishop Zellmer also reminded us that we needed to follow Robert's Rules of Order and thank you to our parliamentarian, Jon Hunter.

The secretaries minutes of the 130th Annual Meeting from January 22, 2017 and the Special Congregational Meeting held on October 1, 2017 were presented as recorded. President Rossing asked for a motion to accept and Peggy Hoff so moved and Ann-Marie Rossing seconded. Motion passed.

President Rossing reported on his report and since it was written; we have received reports on the Constitutional Review Committee Report, Kairos Report, and the engineers report which will be presented.

He highlighted that he was very thankful for the dedicated work of our Pastors, Staff, Council, Foundation and volunteers, faithful attendance, sharing of time, talents and treasures by the Congregation's members. He reiterated that his prayer for Trinity is that we strive to become an even more welcoming congregation to visitors, strangers and look for ways to share the Gospel message in our community.

Pastor Constanze Hagmaier reported on KAIROS & Associates report from the consultant Jeff Kjellberg. They were pleased as 216 took part in the survey and 70% attend worship, nearly 1/2 are under the age of 55, 40% of households have children under 18, there is lots of hope, and many been members longer than 10 years. Many members said this is my home and we have grown up in this congregation. We appreciate the Pastors. Children are a gift along with our Children's Pew Bibles. Our Parish Education Director, Sandy Rhode has been at our church working with the youth for almost 19 years. Pastor Constanze has a deep longing openness for something to happen as she has always heard Trinity is a sleeping giant and would like something exciting and big to happen. We need to explore and she would like to ask us to consider doing a Capital Campaign doing deep visioning and mission identity is "God calls us into new waters."

An apology was extended to Adam Shaw as his name was left off the list of Council members in the Annual Report.

Faith Community Nursing has been laid to rest at this time and she thanked Jeanine Reed, Jim Iverson, Lori Schultz, Amy Winrow and Karen Feige for serving on the committee.

Pastor Dirk Hagmaier extended a Thank You to a great staff Kate Shaw, Sandy Rhode, Lisa Gale, David Reed, and Kim Bruns, Summer du Randt, and Alex Eykamp.

He also thanked President David Rossing and the church council for their work and dedication.

Pastor Dirk serves on a multi-cultural committee for the SD Synod and said great things are happening because our church is in the top 20 of the churches providing money for the Synod.



CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MTG CONT.

President Rossing thanked Joan Merager for serving as Council Secretary and for agreeing to continue for the year of 2018.

A letter received from Auditor, Rachael Jencks, reported she had reviewed the 2017 church financial records and found them in proper order. President Rossing asked for a motion to approve and Roger Moose made the motion and seconded by Tami Christiansen.

The Treasurers and Financial Secretary's reports were presented, Jennifer Briggs made a motion to approve and Elizabeth Molstad seconded. Motion passed.

The Nominating Committee report was presented and with no additions, David Wheeler made a motion to accept and Wade Briggs seconded. Motion passed.

The officers for 2018 are as follows for the church council:

President – Jennifer Briggs

Vice President – Terry Schultz

Secretary – Joan Merager – appointed by the council

Treasurer – Katie Nelson – appointed by the council

Deacon – Heath Abraham – Mission Momentum

Trustee – Steve Millage – Development and Planning

Parish Education – Megan Schneider – Elementary Education

Nominating Committee: Council Delegate/one year – Ann-Marie Rossing

Council Delegate/one year – Peggy Hoff

Congregational Delegate/three years – Becky Brown

Bethel Delegates: Mickie Kreidler

Jon Hunter

The current Bethel Delegates are:

Lana Johnson

Millie Moser

Terry Schultz

Myron Downs

Cheryl Iverson

Jim Iverson

Bob Ellsworth

Foundation Commission – Rob Thuringer

President David Rossing asked for a motion to approve all of the following reports from these committees as printed in the Annual Report Booklet. Nancy Moose made the motion and Scott Delzer seconded. Motion passed.

G. Foundation Commission

H. Board of Trustees

I. Board of Deacons

J. Board of Parish Education

K. Youth & Education Director

L. Milestone Ministry Committee

M. Preschool

N. Women of Trinity

O. South Dakota Synod



CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MTG CONT.

P. Bethel Lutheran Home

Q. Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota

R. Troop 5 Boy Scouts of America

S. Faith Community Nursing

Jim Iverson reported from the Faith Community Nursing program that the task force has divided the money and he made a motion that the 2018 Council donate Trinity's share of money to the Foundation and save for a time to see if the Faith Community Nursing program would begin again. Motion passed.

President Rossing thanked Tim Tucker, Nancy Moose, Nancy Presuhn and Karen Feige for the Constitutional Review Committee report. He asked for a motion to accept the changes to the Constitution. Jim Iverson made the motion and Amy Townsend seconded. Motion passed.

President Rossing thanked Bob Gale and Rick Schmidt for help with the video equipment and microphones.

The 2018 Mission Plan was presented. Dick Ellis made a motion to accept the plan and Lori Schultz seconded. Motion passed.

Trustee Keith Knutson reported on the building needs and passed out sheets on the Facility Renovation Summary. MSH Architects did an inspection and they have listed the immediate needed repairs and an estimate. Bill, a representative from MSH was present for questions along with Keith. There was terrific discussion!

President Rossing presented Council Recommendations:

Authorize proceeding with the Tender Loving Care Capital Campaign with Jona Schmidt as Campaign Chair, MIF as our Campaign consulting firm and an eventual goal of \$1,500,000. Nancy Jensen-Miller seconded this motion. Motion passed.

Continue urgent building repairs as rapidly as funding can be secured. This would include funds on hand as well as financial gifts. The Congregation also authorized investigating the availability and cost of borrowing funds in order to proceed, with a report back to the Congregation. Wade Briggs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Rossing turned the meeting over to our new 2018 President, Jennifer Briggs. She thanked President David Rossing, Amy Townsend, Peggy Hoff and Ann-Marie Rossing for their years of serving on the council.

She reminded the new and old council of a short meeting after adjourning the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the 131st Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting was made by David Wheeler and seconded by Lori Schultz. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Merager, Council Secretary





FOUNDATION NEWS

Memorials Received in December of 2017

In Memory of James Kussow

Kay Johnson

In Memory of Arlene Johnson

Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Memory of Dick Olson

Doug and Joan Merager

In Memory of Maynard Pearson

Dean and Donna Haug

Dennis Nancy Rook

Mavis Peltier



CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Baptisms: None

Deaths: Ronald R. Lauck—January 7, 2018



HELPING HEATHER FUNDRAISER

Mustang Seeds is Teaming up with The Brookings Blizzard Hockey Team for a fundraiser for Heather Feige to help defray medical expenses. A \$15 donation per ticket will be available for the game on February 14. Game time is 7:05 pm at the Larson Ice Center in Brookings. Tickets may be purchased at any Mustang Seed location or by contacting the following people: Lori Schultz 270-1079; Corey Strom 480-1401; Kasey Gehrels 480-1566; or Brian Draeger. There is also an account set up at First Bank and Trust that will accept monetary donations. Please see the fundraiser poster on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for further details!





JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
January 9, 2018
8:00 P.M.

Trinity's mission statement was recited by the church council: **"Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work."**

The January council meeting was called to order by President David Rossing. Council members absent and excused were Julie Jones, Adam Shaw, Patti Weber, Wayne Halma, Linda Brick, and Keith Knutson.

Ann-Marie Rossing led in devotions.

President Rossing presented the Agenda and two items were added to New Business. Capital Campaign and Building Repairs.

The council minutes were presented from November and December. Peggy Hoff made a motion to approve the minutes and Jennifer Briggs seconded. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY:

Pastor Dirk reported:

Rev. Glen Enright will be our preacher on Sunday, January 14th as Pastors will be at a conference
No Confirmation on Wednesday, January 10th due to weather conditions
He is working on our Lenten theme

Sandy Rhode, Parish Education coordinator reported:

17 Faith chests were presented on Sunday for the Baptismal Anniversaries
Hosted a Teachers Meeting breakfast on Sunday
8th grade students chose their Confirmation mentors
Getting ready for Lent
1st Communion Retreat is set for February 4th
The youth will be going to Great Bear on Sunday the 14th weather permitting



JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES CONT.

Pastor Constanze reported:

Pastor thanked Peggy Hoff, David Rossing, Ann-Marie Rossing, and Amy Townsend for serving on the council as their term on the council is complete
Katie Nelson will continue as our treasurer and Joan Merager as secretary of the council
January 21, 2018 will be the Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting
January 28th is Council Orientation during coffee hour
February 11th will be Council Installation and she encourages all to be in attendance at either the 8:45 or the 11:00 am services for the prayers and support of the congregation
Our Christmas card appeal which was given in honor or memory of someone special and a star was placed on the tree in the Narthex netted as estimated \$9805.00 and we met our expenses but we did not meet our Mission Plan goal
Pastor Constanze recommends a motion that after meeting our expenses, we would tithe (10%) of the surplus, approximately \$800. and forward it to the SD Synod as a gift of thankfulness for their partnership in mission and ministry. She explained that the partnership between the Synod and the congregation comes with great benefits for the congregations of the SD Synod; such as low interest loans, capital campaign services through the Mission Investment Fund, an ELCA affiliate, the partnership with Lutherans Outdoors and Lutheran Planned Giving. Nancy Sabbe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President David Rossing reported:

Thank you to Pastor Constanze for offering to prepare a summary of the Kairos report for the Congregation. As is the case for all consultant reports funded by the Congregation, a copy will be available in the office for any Congregation member who wished to review it.

At our last meeting there was considerable discussion about the Trustees' recommendation to try to get some of our urgent building repairs on this upcoming season's construction schedule but that we did not have the funding necessary to proceed. Because of this, there was a motion to contact the ELCA Mission Investment Fund and First Bank and Trust. The following day, the Pastors and I spoke to MIF. Their information is in our packet. In their experience, a realistic goal for a campaign would be 1.5 -2 times our annual giving. That would put us roughly somewhere between \$400,000 and \$800,000. They said that if we did a campaign without a consultant, we would save the fee but probably raise a lesser amount. Since these amounts fall short of the projects felt to be high priority or urgent, they suggested that our options would be to do a series of campaigns and/or borrow the additional funds. If we were embarking on a Capital Campaign, it might be possible for them to loan Trinity funds even if we did not use them as a Campaign Consultant. If the Council wished, we could submit a detailed preapproval loan application. The application is complex. I would be willing to coordinate this effort but would need significant assistance to assemble and prepare the information. We also met with First Bank and Trust. Jon Knuths strongly recommended using a Campaign Consultant and that Trinity might consider using Foundation assets and the Parsonage Fund as collateral, if money needed to be borrowed in order to proceed. It would be difficult for the bank to set up a loan before a Capital Campaign has been completed; and the amounts pledged are known.



JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES CONT.

I believe the Congregation understands the need for a Capital Campaign in order to raise funds to address issues with the building. As you will hear later, we have a very qualified person willing to serve as Campaign Chair if the Congregation wished. However, over the past month I, as I am sure many of you have as well; have been hearing two strong but divergent views about how to proceed. One view is that we should have at least pledges if not actual cash on hand before embarking on further repair; even if it means that there is further deterioration in the condition of the building. The other view is that we should make every effort necessary to continue urgent repairs this spring or summer, even if it requires borrowing some of the necessary funds. Tonight, the Council will need to decide what recommendations they wish to bring to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting regarding a Capital Campaign; and the timing and funding of building repair. I would also recommend that we try to arrange an education and discussion session for interested Congregation members this coming Sunday between services.

Thank You's were received and passed around to the council from:

ELCA World Hunger
ELCA Global Church Sponsorship for Missionaries
Center of Hope

Vice President Jennifer Briggs reported:

She also extended a thank you to President David Rossing, Deacon Ann-Marie Rossing, Trustee Peggy Hoff, and Parish Ed. Amy Townsend for their service on the council.

Amy Townsend Chairman of the Parish Education reported:

Teachers evaluations were all positive
All Confirmation Mentors were assigned and the Orientation meeting for all Mentors, Confirmation students and their parents will be on Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Valentine's Day dinner will be on February 11th and the funds raised will be used for the National Youth Gathering

Randy VanRosendale Trustee reported:

Randy will contact Steve Millage in regards to our front TV repair
Voted to have a one year contract with Info Tech for our firewall service and hardware
Vanco the trustees will be doing more research
Approved paying the bills

Nancy Sabbe Chairman of the Deacons reported:

Preparing for Lent lining up musicians for Wednesday evening services
December Mission Momentum was the Wayaton Lutheran Church \$206.76 and \$76.00 jingle change and January will be the Union Gospel Mission
February service group letters are in the mail. They are discussing giving a little more explanation of duties for Sunday coffee and where to put the coffee money collected and the items that are put in the freezer.
Preparing for Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter



JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES CONT.

New Business:

A motion was made by Randy VanRosendale to take this to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting and to authorize proceeding with the Tender Loving Care Capital Campaign with Jona Schmidt as Campaign Chair, MIF as our Campaign consulting firm and an eventual goal of \$1,500,000. Peggy Hoff seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Molstad to take this to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting and to continue urgent building repairs as rapidly as funding can be secured. This would include funds on hand as well as financial gifts. The Congregation also authorizes investigating the availability and cost of borrowing funds in order to proceed, with a report back to the Congregation. Jennifer Briggs seconded. Motion passed.

President Rossing thanked the council and adjourned the meeting with all council members standing and joining hands and praying The Lord's Prayer together.

Next council meeting will be February 13, 2018

January treats were provided by the Trustee's.

February treats will be provided by the Deacons.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Merager, Council Secretary

Save the Date

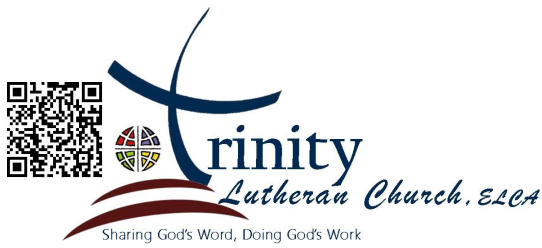
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22nd Annual Bethel Benefactor Dinner & Auction

Thursday, April 12th

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We are in need of your time and talents as a Worship Assistant! Greeters, Lectors, Communion Assistants, and Ushers are needed.

**** Sign-ups are available in the Narthex or by contacting Kate or Lisa in the church office at 256-2771 or by email: officemanager@tlcmadison.com. ****

