

## President's Message

Grace and peace to you. Things are starting to happen at Trinity, but we still have many challenges to make sure our members are safe.

As we move forward we need your help. As before the pandemic, to have services at Trinity we need Trinity members to participate in the process. We need your help to Usher, Lector and as Cantors. Not everyone feels comfortable enough to come back to church yet and making it even more important for those who can, to volunteer. These services are a lifeline for our members who cannot attend. Hundreds of people are connecting with God each week through our online services. Please take the time to sign up in narthex next Sunday.

For those of you who have not made it back to Church, we miss you, but want you to be safe. We are continuing to find ways to improve our online broadcast. It is taking a little time to get our equipment upgraded but we are working on it.

The call committee has been working hard and they have just completed the site survey. The next step is to work with the synod to locate appropriate candidates for the call committee to begin reviewing.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

May Grace and Blessings be in your Path,  
Congregational President  
Scott Delzer

## Notice of Special Congregational Meeting Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m.

At the October Council Meeting the Trinity Church Council voted to hold a Special Congregation Meeting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 22nd. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the constitutional amendment C10.08 that has been recommended by the Church Council.

### Resolution

Be it resolved that Trinity Lutheran Church amend the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions by the addition of C10.08 of the Model Constitution for Congregations, stating:

**C10.08.** This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

The purpose of this amendment is to give your church council the ability to hold our annual congregation meeting via electronic means in the event the council does not feel that it is safe to meet in person. The amendment just provides the option of holding the meeting electronically, but it would be up to the church council to decide how the meeting will be held.

During the November 22nd Special Congregational Meeting, **Only** matters for which notice was given may be discussed at this Special Meeting. Ensuring that a quorum is present, the resolution should be moved, seconded, and discussion allowed. Any amendments to the text of C10.08. should not be allowed, as it would change the process by with the constitution is amended. The resolution needs a simple majority to be adopted.

At this point we are planning to hold the meeting in the church parking lot, allowing members to participate from their vehicles. This may allow members who do not yet feel safe to enter the church the ability to participate in the meeting.



# Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
ZOOM Council Meeting  
October 13, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

Trinity council members recited the Trinity mission statement, "Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work."

President Scott Delzer called the Trinity council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Vice President Rob Thuringer led the council in devotions.

President Delzer presented the Agenda with one correction to be added the opening of the church under new business. He asked for a motion to approve and that was made by Rob Thuringer and seconded by Tim Walburg. Motion passed.

President Delzer presented the council minutes from September 8th, and he asked for a motion to approve and that was made by Becky Brown and seconded by Bridgett Van Lierre. Motion passed.

President Delzer reported on the financial report and said we are close to \$10,000. behind and some of this balance is Covid-19 expense. Jim Iverson made a motion to accept and Kristin Morse seconded. Motion accepted.

## STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY:

President Delzer reported Pastor Dirk is in Germany on family business.

Vice President Rob Thuringer reported that he will report on the call committee under New Business.

Sunday School & Confirmation leader, Robin Hofkamp reported:

- 1st confirmation meeting for 7th & 8th grade students was held last week by Zoom but there are too many students for Zoom and there will be a change this week.
- A brief discussion about the Freshmen and confirmation
- There will be "No Food" served
- Must wear masks
- Discussed Sunday school and how we can make it work to qualify with Covid-19 guidelines
- Discussed the Mentorship and had several ideas
- Parish Ed Board and Robin will be meeting soon so they are operating on the same schedules

Board of Deacon Chairman Becky Brown reported:

- Discussed Christian copyright for music and we are not quite legal and we must update and Jim Iverson made a motion to upgrade our music license for a cost of \$168.30 includes a discount and Susan Farrell-Poncelet seconded. Motion passed.

- Videographers were discussed and may need to train a few more and they will check with Bob Gale.
- Jim Iverson did Home communion to two on the 13th & 20th.
- Brianna is working on getting Sunday school live.
- We also need help during the services with lectors, cantors, ushers and at least one council member helping.

Board of Trustees reported:

- Sid Gulbranson reported on the boilers and he is working on them and hopes to have one heated by Sunday. A big "Thank You to Sid."
- Mission statements need to be completed by the end of the month.
- Tim will check with Randy VanRosendale and Don Amert on our church roof.

Board of Parish Ed Susan Farrell-Poncelet reported:

- The board met briefly on October 12th and will meet with Robin on October 14th
- Discussed the possibility of opening the nursery and staffing
- When and how would Sunday School open
- Board will discuss a set date for Confirmation and will work to contact families after the decision is made
- Preschool board will meet next month

President Delzer asked for a motion to approve staff reports and Tim Walburg made the motion and Sid Gulbranson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

President Delzer discussed with the council the amending the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions by addition of C10.08 of the Model Constitution for Congregations, stating:

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Becky Brown made a motion to proceed with submitting a copy of the resolution along with the revised constitution to the Synod office for filing and Susan Farrell-Poncelet seconded. Motion passed.

Vice President reported on the Call Committee. They have met twice and our working on the Ministry Site Profile paperwork. There was discussion on compensation package and ministry tasks. A motion was made by Jim Iverson to endorse the Ministry Site

Profile and Lora Erslund seconded. Motion passed.

Becky discussed church services and any way we can participate and also thinking about our Christmas services and how they will be held with our Covid requirements.

President Delzer asked for a motion to adjourn and

## Creating a Realm Account

You may have received an e-mail from notifications@onrealmmail.org inviting you to create an account with Realm, our new online database. Once you have your account, you can log in to update your contact information, see your giving status, check your I Am IN pledge, and more. We encourage you to create an account to help us keep the database up-to-date and ensure we have the best way to stay in touch with you. If you did not receive an e-mail invitation, please contact Alex in the church office at [officemanager@tlcmadison.com](mailto:officemanager@tlcmadison.com). You can access your account by going to <https://onrealm.org/TLCMadison/SignIn>.

## Parish Education Update

- Confirmation students will meet at church in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays. 7th & 8th graders meet at 5:30 p.m. 9th graders meet at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your Bibles.
- The Confirmation date for the present 9th graders will be on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 2 p.m.
- A Sunday School start date is still pending.

## Important Calendar Dates

### Sunday Schedule:

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship (S)  
 10:00 a.m. Home Faith Formation (Zoom)  
 11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship (S)  
 Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each Month

Trinity's Sunday worship services are available for viewing at Trinity's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/tlcmadison/>) and YouTube Channel ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJnM7Q5qrov8sKctyvJ\\_rA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJnM7Q5qrov8sKctyvJ_rA)).

November 1: *All Saints Day*  
 November 10: Council Meetings  
 November 17: 9:30 a.m. Mary Circle (FH)  
 November 26: *Thanksgiving Day* (Office Closed)  
 November 27: Church Office Closed  
 November 29: *1st Sunday of Advent*

Ryan Townsend made that motion and Sid Gulbranson seconded. Motion passed. The council recited The Lord's Prayer together.

The next council meeting will be November 10th.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Joan Merager, Church Council Secretary

## Sign Up for the Weekly E-News

Did you know that the church office sends out a weekly e-mail with announcements and current events? Contact the church office to sign up today in order to stay connected in these changing times.

## Missionary Update

By: *Stephen Deal*

Costa Rica fared well during the first 3 months of the pandemic, but the last 4 months have been a much different story. On the brighter side, I have included brief stories on the ways that our companion churches are providing vital care and support to individuals & families that are especially vulnerable to the spread of the virus. I hope that their Christian witness of love in action here in Central America serves as a source of inspiration and encouragement for you, your immediate family and your faith community. We pray for the health and well-being of all who make possible our continued service as ELCA missionaries in Central America. Please continue to pray for us as well. See Stephen's complete article on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

## NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

### Recently Received Memorials

#### In Memory of Bill Richter

Dan and Sharon Carlson

Kay Johnson

Mike and Sharon Halseth

Gene and Marilyn Hexom

#### In Memory of Noel "Buster" Haroldson

Gary and Barb Garner

#### In Memory of Janet Dickerson

Dan and Sharon Carlson

#### In Memory of Sid Warwick

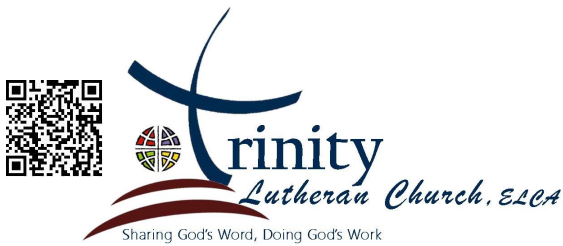
Dan and Sharon Carlson

#### In Memory of Larry Delaney

Dan and Sharon Carlson

#### In Memory of Cindy Verhey

Bill and Diane Bruns



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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](http://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.
- We also have a quick and easy Give+ Mobile App option for financial giving from your portable device! Just download the app! Available for Apple and Android, it's usable with bank routing and account numbers or credit card/bank cards. This app can be used to set up long-term giving options or for a one-time use.
- 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.

### Congregational Information

Deaths: Delores Kothe on September 26  
Jessie Reed on October 17  
Baptisms: Jackson Hitzemann on October 4  
Weddings: none

### Mission of the Month

The November Mission of the Month is Samaritan's Purse.

### Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for November is canned vegetables.