

Trinity Lutheran Church

MARCH 2017

TRINITY CONNECTIONS

Jesus said, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Truly, I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him."

John 13:14-16

Jesus constantly set the example for us. One of the most enduring examples is that of being a servant. In this passage from John, Jesus is washing his disciple's feet just before he goes to the cross. He instructs them to do the same.

We are called to be servants. Jesus came to serve, not to be served. He became a servant when he could have been king. **The principle is that when we can serve do we do it?** It is so tempting for every Christian to choose to be pampered when instead we should be looking for opportunities to serve others.

During this Lenten season, there are going to be a variety of opportunities for every person to serve in ministry at Trinity. As you read this month's newsletter look for ways in which you can serve. The season of Lent and Easter are times when more people are open to an invitation to come to worship. This is Trinity's new opportunity to truly show others our ministry is "In Hammond for Hammond!"

See YOU and your guests in church!

Pastor Ralph

NEW PASTOR EMAIL:

TRINITYPASTOR@CENTURYTEL.NET



Youth
Darla Feyereisen, Chair

**HOUSTON, WE HAVE A
GATHERING!**

Trinity's Youth have started fundraising for the next National Youth Gathering in 2018 and it is not too late to join us! The first Sunday of every month we will have a fundraiser at church. Next Houston meeting will be March 5th.

Education-Kelly Browning, Chair

Hello Sunday School Families –

The Sunday School is looking for spare change to support SCC Suicide Prevention and Awareness. Please feel free to put any extra money in the jars on the fellowship tables.



We are gearing up for our Vacation Bible School which will be held July 31-August 3. If you are interested in volunteering during this week, please let me know as soon as possible. Every night we serve a meal for the family starting at 5:30 pm and VBS begins at 6:00 pm. We have created a website that we will be using for registration this year, please check it out.

<http://www.myvbs.org/trinityvbs2017/>

God's Blessings to all!

Trinity Sunday School Staff

Fellowship
Deb Henry, Chair

Card Making will be Sunday, March 8th, please bring your creativity!

Potluck on Sunday, April 2nd after church! Please bring a dish to pass and enjoy great conversation with your fellow church family members!



A BIG "THANK YOU" to those who came and packed food for the Mobile Pack in Hudson at the YMCA! We packed 41,904 meals during our 2-hour session!

Evangelism
Betty Johnson, Chair

Our team is working on getting the word to our church family and out in the community as to what will be happening for lent and Easter.

Also, we are planning a new member Sunday and working on the details as to what will take place leading up to it. Thanking my team members and also those that have volunteered to help us in any way they can.



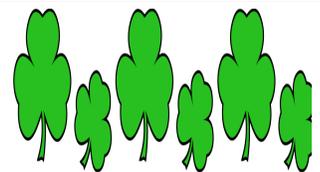
QUILTER'S
CORNER

Blankets of Love

We will be tying Blankets of love on Wednesday, March 15th & 29th at 9:00am in the quilting room.

All are welcome.

Thank you for the donations that are generously left in the quilting room.



FOOD PANTRY
UPDATE

18 pounds of food was delivered to the Middle School for the Backpack program and 34 pounds of food was delivered to the Food Pantry on February 22, 2017 from Trinity.

THE NEXT DELIVERY OF FOOD TO THE FOOD PANTRY WILL BE MARCH 22, 2017.

How Much Do We Love Trinity Lutheran Church?

On Monday, February 13th, I attended my first Church Council meeting and presided over it as our new Church Council President. The week before the council meeting I was a little anxious about my new roll with the council, so I spent several days preparing for the meeting by going through all of the council meeting minutes for 2016. After seeing budget reports, and agendas containing mostly discussions and not much action, I thought that I was fully prepared by having many questions about many things, but mostly a lot of budget questions.

I think that I surprised if not totally shocked some of the other council members by my changing the format for the council meeting and by the questions that I had. I have a really great group of people to work with on the council and they were very gracious with helping me to understand by answering my questions. They have done an excellent job by working very hard to come up with ideas to raise money (including out of their own pockets) to keep the lights on and programs (Sunday school, vacation bible school, confirmation, etc.) going. It's amazing that they have been able to get as much done as they have with so little financial resources to work with. Also, that's why I didn't see much for discussion items in the council meeting agendas, since there wasn't much money to work with.

The church works with a faith based budget. By this, I mean that there is very little in the bank at the beginning of the new budget year. A small amount usually is left in the checking accounts from the previous church year, but not enough to cover our monthly building mortgage payment nor our monthly general budget expenses (operating costs) until offerings are collected. We pay the bills

from what comes in through offerings each week/month. We (council) rely on commitment pledges to come up with a budget for the New Year (2017), so that we can keep the lights on, the bathrooms running, the programs/events happening, and literally; the doors open.

Pledge forms should be filled out by all members, whether you come every Sunday or not. And everyone should honor their pledges for the full year, including summer vacation people, snow birds and others who miss a Sunday here or there and forget to catch up on their pledges. We can all pay with auto pay (computer) through simply giving, the electronic kiosk by the church office window, or cash /check in the offering plate. We are going to be working on a new budget Monday, February 27th. So, no matter how you fulfill your giving, we need everyone to fill out a pledge form and get it back to church by **March 12, 2017**.

Currently we have received 28 pledge forms returned out of a little over 300 giving units. A 2015 giving chart that I have shows that there were 117 households and/or individuals who contributed a range of \$1.00 -200.00 per week and 136 households and/or individuals who gave 0.

Another good reason to pledge is that you receive a record of your giving, so you can use it for tax purposes.

So, Please – let's all show how much we **Love** Trinity Lutheran Church by pledging and giving what we can on a regular basis.

Thanks Be to God!

Dave Lindquist
Trinity Church Council President

Easter CHOIR

CALLING
ALL
VOICES

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER

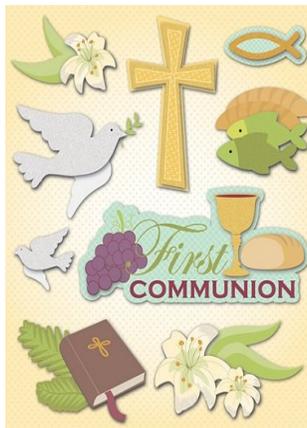
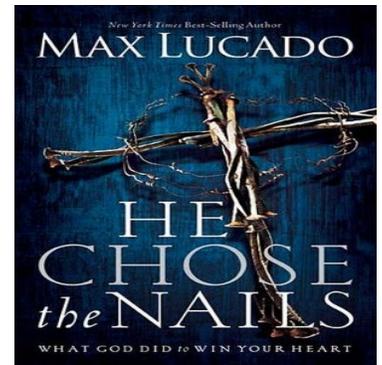
12 teen boys and men to portray Jesus and his disciples in a re-enactment of the Last Supper for worship on Maundy Thursday. It is a very special night as a number of youth will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Plan to attend this special and meaningful service and bring a guest with you.

CHOIR TO SING EASTER!

We are looking for teens and adults to become part of our new music ministry - Karaoke Choir. We are going to share God's Word in a new way through faith and fun. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, March 1st at 8:00 pm and will last one hour. If you want to be in the choir but are unable to come on March 1st please let Pastor Ralph know your desire to be in the Karaoke Choir.

HE CHOSE the NAILS is the theme for LENT

Pastor and Author, Max Lucado, will invite us to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose and celebrate its significance through a video message series. Each week will feature a message and challenge surrounding Christ's crucifixion, revealing the claims of the cross and asserting that if they are true then Christianity itself is true. The series begins March 8th and concludes on April 5th.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

If you have a student in 4th grade or older that has not taken communion instruction; classes will be offered on Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2, 11:00 – noon. Registration forms will be available in the church office beginning Sunday, March 5th.

Notice:

Synod Assembly is Saturday, April 29th at Trinity Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Registration starts at 7:00 am with Worship starting at 9:00am. Trinity needs two delegates to attend: One male and one female. Please let the church office know if you are interested.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Present: David Lindquist, Susan Frank, Betty Johnson, Interim Pastor Ralph Olsen, Kelly Browning, Bob Bodelson, Mark Iverson, Rachel McHenry, Marti Peterson, Deb Henry, Sarah Pommerening, Darla Feyereisen

Absent: Scott Post, Lois Worbes

David Lindquist called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Pastor Ralph Olsen led devotions. read Luke 10:17-20. Pastor also read "The 7 Practices of the Best Church Staffs and leaders".

Welcome new Council Members!

- Introductions:

Approve minutes from January 9th meeting: Deb Henry made a motion to approve the minutes from the Jan. 9th meeting. Marti second. Carried.

Secretary's Report-Sarah

- Building Requests: No building requests at this time.

Pastor's Report

1. **Church calendar items:** Pastor Ralph has been here 3 months. He would like to see a big Master Calendar and everyone using it and getting their events on the calendar as soon as possible for the whole year.
2. **Youth mission trip to Milwaukee:** Pastor Durk Peterson contacted Pastor Ralph Olsen to see if some of Trinity's youth would be interested in going on a mission trip to Milwaukee with Cross Lutheran's Youth. Darla Feyereisen said the youth are concentrating on raising funds to go to the National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018.
3. Pastor Ralph Olsen handed out some Handouts about Tithing: The top 10 Reasons people don't Tithe. Four Small Church Strategies to Maximize Your Community impact.
4. Pastor Ralph Olsen will be attending a Memorial service for Moni Pittman and was asked by the family to say a prayer at the Memorial service.
5. 12 families are wanting to join Trinity.
6. "He chose the Nails" for Lent Services
7. March 3rd Movie Premiere-" The Shack" Pastor Ralph Olsen would like 25 people from the church to attend. He also shared he will be getting a Bible Study that will coincide with the movie.
8. 1st Communion will be March 19 and 26, with students receiving 1st Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 13th.
9. Palm Sunday- welcome new members
10. Bob Bipes from Bethel Hudson will be guest Pastor-Sunday, Feb. 19th- Pastor Ralph Olsen will be gone Feb. 17-24.

President's Report

1. Shared why he wanted to become a Council President
2. Discussed about President Council Bylaws
3. David Lindquist shared how he sees things happening around the church.

Treasurer's Report

1. January was good to us. Ending balance is \$12,000. \$2,028 ahead for the month of January. \$250.00 is being held for SCC Suicide Awareness Fund. Discussion about how Benevolence is being sent, last year we sent \$3,000 to the Synod last year. Pastor Ralph says we should name and claim where we should support. Motion made by Deb Henry to accept the Treasurer's Report. Betty Johnson second. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sound System-Updates? Motion by Mark Iverson to approve the Sound system replacement not to exceed \$3,500. Second by: Susan Frank. Carried.
2. 2017 Stewardship Drive
 - a. 28 responses: 27 made pledges about \$46,000 was pledged to the general fund and 18, 692 was pledged for the building fund.
 - b. 2014 a Capital Campaign was initiated. It will be ending in this year.
 - c. Changes for the upcoming year instead of doing the Stewardship drive at the end of the year, it was suggested to start of the year with a Stewardship drive and combine with a Capital Campaign.
3. Telling (2 people)- update
 - a. If we cannot find congregation members to help with telling, Council members are going to have to take a turn. We need to make a better effort.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Council Duties, structure, committees, Council Secretary Position, committee size, regular meetings
 - a. Every committee should have 5 members +1 chair. Meetings should be held once a month every month. Those dates need to be put on the Master calendar in the office.
 - b. Look over job duties, discuss a budget with your committee
 - c. All Church items for agenda should be emailed to Pastor Ralph Olsen. Other requests should be emailed to David Lindquist.
 - d. Budget meeting will be Feb. 27th at 7:00pm
 - e. Council agenda has been revised. We will be keeping this setup for consistency.
2. Appoint new Vice President, Council Secretary
 - a. It was agreed that Marti Peterson would continue as Vice President and Darla Feyereisen would continue as Council Secretary.

3. Discussion of Pastor's salary/benefits-Housing allowance
 - a. David Lindquist talked about Pastor's Salary package and Housing allowance. Discussion about combining into one Salary, as most churches do not have housing available for Pastor's anymore. Motion made by Betty Johnson to combine Housing and Pastor's salary into one lump sum. Mark Iverson second. Carried.
4. Budget issues
 - a. target numbers: David Lindquist will meet with Rachel McHenry, treasurer, to go through monthly bills.
 - b. School income-4K: Discussion about the amount the school district is paying to rent the downstairs.
 - c. Certificate of Deposits: Question of where are they?? Do we still have ownership??
5. CAT (congregation assessment tool)
 - a. In order to start the process of a pastoral search, this is one of the tools that needs to be completed. This will help us pinpoint our strengths and weaknesses as well as tell us what we might be looking for in our next Pastor.
 - b. Pastor Ralph Olsen and David Lindquist will be meeting with Kurt Jacobson from Holy Cow Consulting on Feb. 20th in Turtle Lake.
 - c. A survey will be conducted electronically with 85 Honest questions all done anonymously. Results will be tallied by the consulting firm and will be given to the Council to proceed with the next steps.
6. Education-Youth Needs
 - a. What are our youth needs? How can we keep our youth involved?
 - b. Confirmation Retreat: Luther Point
7. Installation of LED Lights – Mark
 - a. Mark Iverson shared a quote from Simon Electric to replace all the incandescent and fluorescent lights in the building to LED. Current estimate is \$10,013. Mark will also be getting a couple other estimates. The education wing will also be added to the estimate. No motion at this time.

Other Business- No other business at this time.

COMMITTEES

1. Youth
2. Church Properties
3. Mission & Human Needs
 - Silent Messengers-Marti Peterson shared that the Silent Messengers will be coming on March 26th for a service at 6:30 pm. She asked if there was a group wanting to do a supper beforehand. Darla said the Houston group would provide the meal before the service.
4. Fellowship
5. Evangelism
 - Waffle Breakfast-Betty Johnson shared that ticket sales are going well. Silent Auction will start March 5th and go through April 23rd. Kurt Soderberg, HS Principal and Jeff Fern, School Counselor will be here to talk about how the money raised has made in impact with Suicide Awareness outreach.
6. Stewardship-No Report
7. WELCA
 - Lois reported via phone that she is hoping to have a WELCA meeting at the end of the month to vote on officers and plan events for the rest of the year.
8. Worship & Music
9. Education

COMMUNION HELPERS

February 19:

March 5:

TELLER VOLUNTEERS

February 19:

March 5:

February 26:

March 12:

Motion to adjourn by Deb Henry, Marti Peterson second. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

The gathering closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting is Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Trinity

Recorded by: Sarah Pommerening, Office Administrator

Approved by: Darla Feyereisen, Council Secretary

Subject to approval by full Council on March 13, 2017



Kid's Activity

Name: _____ Date: _____

Christian Easter - Word Search

How many vocabulary words can you find in this puzzle using the word bank below? Words go in only three directions. → ↘ ↓

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APOSTLES	CROWN	JESUS	SACRIFICE
BELIEVE	CRUXIFIED	MIRACLE	SAVIOR
CROSS	FAITH	RISEN	SON

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Silent Messengers is coming to Trinity!

Sunday, March 26th 6:30 pm

Houston Youth Team will be holding a taco bar dinner before the performance at 5:00pm!

Free-will donation and offering



Silent Auction

Silent Auction starting Sunday, March 5th! Proceeds will go to SCC Suicide Awareness programs. The Auction will end Sunday, April 23rd. The committee is looking for items to be put in the silent auction. If you have an item to donate, contact Kristen Bibeau or Betty Johnson.



March 11, 2017

Christ Jam: Middle School Youth Gathering

Theme: GLOW

God Lights Our Way

Bethany Lutheran,

Rice Lake, WI

8:00-5:00pm

Cost is \$40.00

Grades 5-8

March Ministry Calendar

	MARCH 1 Ash Wednesday	MARCH 5	MARCH 8 Wednesday	MARCH 12	MARCH 15 Wednesday	MARCH 19	MARCH 22 Wednesday	MARCH 26	MARCH 29 Wednesday
Greeters	Kathy Gustafson	Moll's		Kathy Gustafson		Alan & Jeanne Owens		Dorothy Hage	Kathy Gustafson
Adult Ushers (2)	Kathy Jensen Deb Henry					Chris & Judy Larson		Kerry & Marti Peterson	
Youth Ushers									
Reader	Linda Lindquist	Kathy Jensen		Judy Larson		Marti Peterson		Kathy Jensen	
Acolyte	Devin Wasley Zach Sabatke		Janessa Olson	Aidan Thorsen	Brett Iverson	Kiara Afdahl	Devin Wasley Zach Sabatke	Bryn Afdahl	Devin Wasley Zach Sabatke
Power Point									
Communion Helpers		Marti Peterson	++	++	++		++	++	++
Communion Set Up	Worship Team	Worship Team	++	++	++	Worship Team	++	++	++
Bread Baker			++	++	++		++	++	++
Offering Counter		Marti Peterson				Marti Peterson			
Bulletin & Sunday School Sponsors	<i>To sponsor a Bulletin, please see Betty Johnson</i>								
Fellowship Servers		Team C-Lance & Cindy Olson	Houston Mission Team	Team D-Chris & Judy Larson	Houston Mission Team	Team E-Travis & Laurie Posey	Houston Mission Team	Team F-Steve & Vickie Holzer	Houston Mission Team
Exterior Property Team	Team #13-Eric & Missy Davis Family	Team #13-Eric & Missy Davis Family	Team #13-Eric & Missy Davis Family	Team #1-Kirk & Susan Hodnefield Family	Team #2-Dylan & Rachel McHenry	Team #2-Dylan & Rachel McHenry			

Please join us for Walking Together: "Getting the Word Out"

on Saturday, March 18!

UW-Eau Claire, Davies Center

Cost is \$20.00 per person

9:00 am-4:30 pm

This event is for everyone! Attendees will have the opportunity to choose from over 70 ministry workshops, led by pastors and lay leaders from across the synod. These workshops help us to share new ideas, unique ministry experiences and experiments, creative leadership ideas, and more!

Topics include:

worship/music/preaching, faith formation, social justice & environmental care, local and global mission, and congregational renewal and leadership.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 FROM 8:30AM TO 12:30PM

**DAD'S BELGIUM WAFFLES
ST. CROIX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

COST: \$9.00 A PERSON (UNDER 5 EAT FREE)

Tickets available at the church office!

**All
you
can
eat!!**



PROCEEDS TO GO TO SUICIDE AWARENESS PROGRAMS!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2017</h1>			1 9am Quilting 5:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	2	3 5-8pm Girl Scout Event	4
5 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am WOV Worship w/Holy Communion 10:45am Coffee Fellowship 6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders	6	7 9:00am SCV Pastors 12:00pm Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111 6:30pm Cub Scout Leaders	8 9:00am Jumpstart! 10:30am Evangelism Team 5:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Lenten Worship	9 9:30am Hope Bible Study 5-6:30pm Girl Scouts	10 4-9pm Hammond Royalty Princess PJ Party	11 8:30am-5:00pm Christ Jam, MS Youth Gathering, Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake, WI 3-6pm Kathy Jensen (Private Event)
12 Daylight Savings Time 8:30-12:30 Waffle Breakfast, SCC High School 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am ELW Worship (Food Shelf Sunday) 10:45am Coffee Fellowship	13 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm Church Council	14 12:00pm Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	15 9am Quilting 5:30pm Dinner 6-8:30pm Hammond Royalty Candidate Meeting and Monthly Meeting 7:00pm Lenten Worship	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 8:30am-4:30pm Walking Together, UW-Eau Claire
19 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am WOV Worship w/Holy Communion 10:45am 1 st Communion 10:45am Coffee Fellowship	20 Spring Begins	21 10am Heritage 12:00pm Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	22 9:00am Jumpstart! 5:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Lenten Worship	23 5-6:30pm Girl Scouts	24	25
26 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am WOV Worship 10:45am 1 st Communion 10:45am Coffee Fellowship 5:15pm Taco Bar 6:30pm Silent Messengers	27 11am Newsletter Folding & Cookies 6:30pm Cub Scouts	28 12:00pm Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	29 5:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Lenten Worship	30	31	

March Bulletin Sponsors

See Betty Johnson to sponsor a bulletin! Just \$8.00!

March 5th BULLETIN: Happy Birthday Lillian Jorgenson from grandchildren and great grandchildren.

March 12th BULLETIN: Dorothy Hage in celebration of Sunday School teachers.

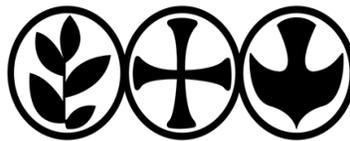
March 19th. BULLETIN: Amy and David Thorson in thankfulness for our church family at Trinity. Lance and Cindy Olson thanking the council members for the time they give to guiding our church in the right direction.
SUNDAY SCHOOL: WELCA For the Sunday School teachers that take the time to teach our Sunday School children.

March 26th. BULLETIN: Charlie and Vera Grant in honor of Marla's Birthday.



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