



Trinity Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY
2018



TRINITY CONNECTIONS

Ash Wednesday signals the start of the Lent season, the 40 days that precede the Easter Celebration. It is the time when Christians restore their spiritual observance through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is believed that these practices which aim to strip away all the unnecessary that separates our relationship with Christ are forms of cleansing that improve our spiritual health. So rather than seeing Lent in negative terms, we should see Lent as a beautiful experience that will strengthen us. Not sure where to start here are some inspirational quotes from Pope Francis to get you started and to reflect on.

- God Can give us the strength to change our lives.
- To experience the real value of Lent, we must learn how to pray amidst difficult circumstances.
- There is no act of mercy that is too little not to be recognized.

- Set aside power, glory and wealth. Create equality and remove differences by sharing.
- Give up something that will be beneficial to others.
- Seek out the unchurched and open your doors of welcome.
- People matter to God, so they matter to us.



Pastor Ralph



Ash Wednesday
Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

~Ecclesiastes 3:20

President's Corner - Marti Peterson

In July, 2017, I found that I was no longer Vice-President of Trinity's Council but President. With the election on January 28th, I will no longer fill that role. I would like to thank the members of Trinity and the Council for their support. Trinity is an extraordinary church in their capacity to give to others less fortunate in the community and the world.

This next year is going to be very challenging. At our last council meeting we set a goal of calling a new pastor by October, 2018. During this process, you may be called upon to serve on committees and/or share your opinions and knowledge of the history of Trinity. Some of you are the charter members of Trinity, some of you are adults who grew up in Trinity and either came back and/ or never left Trinity and now attend with your families, and still others are fairly new members who came from other churches to be a part of Trinity. You may be retired, middle age, 20 something, youth or child. You may be single or married, double income, no kids or raising a family. One thing that you all have in common is that you are a vital member of Trinity's family and we need you for Trinity to survive into the next decade. Think back over the history of Trinity, what attracted you to Trinity, what traditions you would like to see continue, what traditions you would like to see come back to Trinity and share this with those working through the call process. Please support the new president and council in making Trinity the best it can be for its members and its community. Thank you again for your support.

Marti Peterson



Coffee Chat with the Treasurer – Rachel McHenry

Dear Trinity Gift Givers,

Thank you for your generous gifts during 2017. We had a great year and were able to donate over \$7,000 to SCC for Suicide Awareness and \$1,350 to Grace Place/Union Gospel Mission

We installed new speakers in the Sanctuary and installed new lighting in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. Improvements have been made to lower utility costs and office expenses. We are happy to report all expenses were paid in 2017 and we did remain on track with the approved budget of 2016.

A huge "THANK YOU" to all of you who have volunteered your time and talents to help us keep Trinity running and looking great!

With your help we make many great things possible!

January Numbers overview:

Offering: 30,225.22

Expenses: (27,659.69)

Net Income: 2,565.53

Thank you, *Rachel McHenry*
Treasurer

New member spotlight: Ellsworth Family



On January 21st, we welcomed Laura, Lariah & Brantley Ellsworth into the Trinity Family.

Join us on Tuesday, February 13th!
From 5:00-7:00 PM
For All You Can Eat Pancake Supper at
Trinity Lutheran Church!

FREE WILL DONATION!
Monies raised will go to the SCC backpack program.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

January:

Food Shelf: 107 pounds

Thank you for helping others in need!

Fellowship-Deb Henry, Chair

Save the Dates for upcoming events:

February 13: 5-7pm - Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 25: 10:00am - Potluck
Bring a dish to pass.

Thank you to all who brought chili and participated in the Annual Chili Cook-off!

Education-Kelly Browning, Chair

Greetings BOLT families-



We are continuing to have a great time in BOLT! We have 38 kids registered for BOLT and attendance has been great since we started in September. Thanks to the families for bringing their children to BOLT and share in God's love. We are currently working on lessons on "What is the Bible". The BOLT kids are taking the time to learn about God's Message and how he wants us to spend time reading the bible.

BOLT will be setting up an Operation Christmas Child donation bin in the Education wing where you can bring donations throughout the year. We packed 66 boxes this past year and we are aiming for 100 this coming year, so if you have items to donate, please bring them in anytime of the year. Each month I will share some ideas to consider donating, so this month, let's think about Hats, Gloves, and Scarves.

Mark your calendars for VBS 2018 where we will strap on your life jacket and get ready for a rip-roaring river ride with Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride. Please join us July 30 through August 2, 2018 for our VBS. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm each night and is for the entire family. VBS will begin promptly at 6:00 pm with it finishing up at 7:45 pm.



Every day there will be music, lessons, games, crafts, snacks, and fun. More details will be shared in the coming months, but if you are interested in volunteering, please let me know.

Friendly reminder that we have a Closed Facebook group where I post what is happening with BOLT on a regular basis. You can request to join here; [Trinity Lutheran BOLT](#)

Your Co-Worker in Christ,
Kelly, BOLT Team Leader



QUILTER'S CORNER

Thank you for all the fabric that we recently received. The fabric will be used in graduating senior quilts, LWR quilts and quilts for Grace place.

We will be tying quilts on February 7th and 21st at 9 am in the Quilting room.

Join us tying knots and sharing fellowship on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday's of every month!

If Wednesday doesn't work for you? Let Kathy Jensen know!

IMPORTANT BOLT DATES

- * May Day Baskets—April 25
- * End of Year Celebration-May 23

Trinity Lutheran Church
BOLT

Building Our Love and Talents

Calling all Middle School Students!!

CHRIST JAM 2018
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, RICE LAKE, WI

THEME | **GOD'S TEAM!**

SPEAKER | **JOHN PETERSON**
OLYMPIC MEDALIST & LOCAL FAITH LEADER

BAND | **THE FOURTH DEGREE**

WHEN | **MARCH 10TH**

FEATURING | **SYNOD YOUTH BOARD**

COST | **\$40**
(INCLUDING ADULTS)

REGISTER BY | **FEBRUARY 23RD**

MORE INFO & REGISTER | **SYBNW.ORG**



Maxwell Larson's Faith Statement

Hello, as most of you probably know my name is Maxwell Larson. I've gone to church since I can remember. As a little boy I was like many kids who would've rather stayed home rather than go somewhere on the weekend. But, as I grew older I realized that we go to church for God. To thank him for all he has done, but also to thank Jesus for giving his life for us. Now every once in awhile I would rather sleep in on Sunday but who doesn't feel that way sometimes. I live with my family that many of you know or have at least seen. My mom Micki, my dad Mike, and my two brothers, Mitchell (11) and Matyas (9).

So now that I've introduced myself we can get to what this paper is actually for. Faith. This word can mean various things for various people. Whether it means that you believe in someone or something or just believe that you can get a job done. For me faith means what it means for many people. Believing in God. I have been very lucky with the life I was given. I have a wonderful and caring family, amazing friends, a good home and intelligence or at least I'd like to think I do. Not everyone is as fortunate as I am and that's something I thank God for allowing me to have what I have.

Although I'm very fortunate everyone has their hardships in life. One of the hardest things in my life was when my Grandma got cancer. When I found out at first, I didn't know what to think so I cried. I was very close to her which made it even harder for me. I had known her to be tough and strong but when I found out she had cancer I could only think how hard this would be on her. As time went on I learned I had to live my life and hope for the best. We prayed for her and every time we could we would see her. When she started losing her hair it made me sad that she would have to lose her hair. I had always known her either hair so it would be different for me. Of course, I would still love her the same but she would lose that part of her. Once her hair was fully gone she started to wear beanies. After a while, it became normal and we thought nothing of it. Whenever I would talk about it with someone I would feel that pain again. I hated that feeling because it reminded me that she has something terrible that could take her from us. After knowing and feeling all of this pain we were finally shown a light. Since they found that she had cancer pretty early she got better and the cancer got smaller. She is still doing treatment but she is doing so much better than she was. I thanked God so much after finding out. And that was one of the times I saw my faith.

Mission & Human Needs -Marti Peterson

On January 6, 2018, 27 Trinity Members met and went to Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. Our two-hour time slot packaged 64,584 meals and packed 299 boxes. This will feed 178 children for a year at a cost of \$14208.48. Thank you so much to all who went and to Sarah who arranged this wonderful experience!!!!

January 14, 2018 our worship service was enriched with the talent of Sister. 107 pounds of food were collected and donated to the Baldwin Food Shelf. Thank you so much to all who donated food items and the Moll Family for sponsoring Sister.

February 11, 2018 is the next Food Shelf Sunday. Please remember those less fortunate when you attend church this Sunday.

March 18, 2018 will be the Dad's Belgian Waffles Fundraiser for the 2nd year. This Fundraiser will be held at the SCC High School and proceeds will go to SCC Teen Suicide Prevention and Awareness. Please mark your calendars and come support this great cause.

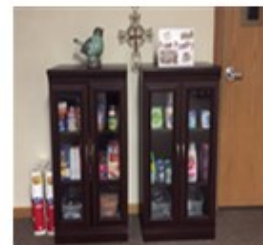
Thank you for your continued support of our Local Food Shelves, our Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library, our support of Grace Place and our support of the SCC Backpack Program. Blessings on you all.... Marti

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

The Free Little Pantry is open to all! The posted hours are Monday through Friday, 9-11am and 2:30-5pm. Wednesday nights from 5-8pm and Sunday mornings 8:30-12(noon). The pantry is located inside Trinity by the Fireside room.

Please share with others and let them know it is available!

***"Take what you need,
give what you can."***



February Ministry Calendar

Please consider how you might do God's work with your hands. Sign up at the Communication Corner or call the church office. Instruction available for every role & a reminder call or email a few days before your commitment.

	FEB. 4	FEB. 11	WED. FEB. 14 <small>ASH WED.</small>	FEB. 18	WED. FEB. 21	FEB. 25	WED. FEB 28
GREETERS		Nancy & Scott Post		Laura Ellsworth		Kathy Gustafson	Laura Ellsworth
Adult Ushers (2)						Marti & Kerry Peterson	
Youth Ushers						+ +	
Reader	Scott Post						
Acolyte		Rob Munson					
Power Point							
Sound Tech							
Communion Helpers	Betty Johnson, Sue Frank, Rachel McHenry, Tim Haugen	+ +	Marti Peterson	Laura Ellsworth	+ +	+ +	+ +
Communion Set Up	Worship Team	+ +	Worship Team	Worship Team	+ +	+ +	+ +
Bread Baker		+ +			+ +	+ +	+ +
Offering Counter1	Marti Peterson		Marti Peterson	Laura Ellsworth			
Offering Counter2							
Bulletin Sponsors	<i>To Sponsor a Bulletin, please see Betty Johnson</i>						
BOLT Sponsors							
Fellowship Servers	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 #11- Chris Koss & Cub Scout Troop	Team #11- Chris Koss & Cub Scout Troop	Team #11- Chris Koss & Cub Scout Troop	Team #12- Michele Fowler Family	Team #12- Michele Fowler Family	Team #12- Michele Fowler Family	Team #12- Michele Fowler Family

February Bulletin Sponsors

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

February 4th BULLETIN: WELCA
February 11th BULLETIN: No Sponsor
February 14th BULLETIN: No Sponsor
February 18th BULLETIN: No Sponsor
February 25th BULLETIN: No Sponsor

*Do you have a special day, memory or event coming up? Sign up to be a bulletin sponsor in 2018! **Call** (715-688-6444), **email** (alsgal63@baldwin-telecom.net) or **talk** to Betty Johnson at church! Only \$8.00!!*



February Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00pm Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	2 5:00pm Girl Scouts Overnight	3 9:00am Girl Scouts Leaving
4 9:00am Worship w/Communion † 10:45am Coffee Fellowship & Lunch	5	6 9am SCV Pastors @ 6:30pm Cub Scouts	7 6:30-7:15pm BOLT 6:30-7:30pm IGNITE (6 th -8 th Grade)	8 1:00pm Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	9	10
11 9:00am Worship † <i>Food Shelf Sunday</i> 10:00am Coffee Fellowship 6pm Girl Scout Leaders 4:00pm Hammond Royalty	12 6:30-8pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Church Council	13 5-7pm Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner	14 9:00am Jumpstart! 9:00am Quilting 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Dinner 6:30-7:15pm BOLT 6:30-7:00pm IGNITE (6 th Grade) 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	15 1:00pm Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	16	17
18 9:00am Worship w/communion † 10:00am Coffee Fellowship <i>Newsletter items due!</i>	19	20 10am Heritage	21 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm BOLT 6:30pm IGNITE (7 th Grade) 7:00pm Lenten Worship	22 1:00pm Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	23	24
25 9:00am Worship 10:00am Coffee Fellowship/Potluck	26 10am Newsletter Folding & Treats 6:30pm Cub Scouts	27	28 9:00am Jumpstart! 9:00am Quilting 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm BOLT 6:30pm IGNITE (8 th Grade) 7:00pm Lenten Worship			

"God will give you strength for every battle, wisdom for every decision, peace that surpasses understanding."

A NOTE OF



Dear Trinity Lutheran,

The chicken just recently donated is very much appreciated as well as needed. Thank you for your consideration and support of our food ministry.

God Bless-
The Roberts Food Pantry



Thank you for your support of Boy Scout Troop 161. Through activities and events our boys are developing life skills and learning important ideals such as character growth, good citizenship and personal fitness. We are very fortunate in our community to have the support of our local municipalities, organizations, businesses and countless individuals. Providing Scouting to our local youth would be difficult without it.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ~Scouts, Leaders, and Families of BSA Troop 161



Good Morning!

I just want to thank you and the congregation for the warm welcome our family received at the Worship Service yesterday. The hospitality radiated from your wonderful congregation - the Lord is at work through you that's for sure! Thank you!

Randvig Norvold

Thrivent Action Team Updates

We have started working on the events that Thrivent members or associate members can apply for Thrivent Action Dollars. Keep on the lookout for the sign-up sheet to be up in February. If you are a Thrivent Member OR wish to become an associate, PLEASE talk to Betty Johnson. Any ideas that you may have for events are also welcome. Let's see how many events we can do with this FREE money. If you still do not know what the action dollars are all about and how it works please see Betty. Will be happy to share the info with you. GODS WORK OUR HANDS.

Thank you,
Betty Johnson

Let's Talk Thrivent Action Teams

Thrivent Action Teams make it easy for you to bring people together to make a positive change in your community! When you see a need, apply to lead a volunteer team—and bam! Once your idea is approved, a Thrivent Action Kit is delivered to your door. It's packed with everything you need to help make your project a success. It even includes \$250 in seed money to help get your project started.

This passion-powered program is brought to you by Thrivent Financial because we believe that being wise with money and living generously go hand in hand.

- Visit Thrivent.com/actionteam
- Click "Apply now" and have your User ID and password handy.
- Watch your doorstep for your Thrivent Action Kit.
- Lead your project.
- Come back and share your story of success with us!

"Feed My Starving Children"

THANK YOU to the 27 individuals that came to Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, January 7th!

Everyone had a great time and we will be going again in the future! Watch for the next date to be announced in the newsletter, bulletin and Facebook!

We hope that you will be able to join us!!



Trinity Council Minutes for January 8th, 2018

7:09pm Meeting Called to Order by Marti Peterson.

Present are: Deb Henry, Betty Johnson, Pastor Ralph Olsen, Sue Frank, Office Secretary Sarah Pommerening, Treasurer Rachel McHenry, Interim President Marti Peterson, Kathy Jensen, Tim Haugen (in for Kelly Browning) and Visitor Rose Kuebker.

Absent were: Mark Iverson and Kelly Browning.

Welcome Guest/Open Forum-Public Comment: No comments.

Approve Minutes from December 11, 2017: Motion made by Deb Henry to approve the December Council minutes. Second by Sue Frank. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer Report: Rachel reported shared with the Council a copy of the 2018 budget and ask for people to look over and let her know if they see any errors or have any questions. The Building Fund has been moved into the General Fund. The Fellowship, Mission & Human Needs accounts will be closed this year and moved into the General Fund also. Telling will still be the same process as the Building Fund will still be separate from the General Fund. Discussion on the money from stocks that have been sold. 1. Capital Campaign- which would require a 3-year commitment. 2. Refinance- the interest rate would be 3.875%, it would add 5 years to the mortgage and the payment would be \$1,900 vs. \$2,600. 3. Use the stock money to help pay the mortgage. More discussion needed on the how to tackle the building fund money. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Deb Henry. Second by Betty Johnson. **Motion carried.**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph reported that five people met about the Bylaws & Constitution. Their recommendation is to have two Annual meetings. One in January to discuss the financials and approve the budget and a second one to vote in new Council Representatives. The team is recommending this so that the snowbirds are able to have input.

Discussion about the Constitution and Bylaws: Pastor Ralph made it very clear that nominating Committee reported back to him that the Council is not following items that are covered in the Constitution and bylaws. The Council needed to act on these items immediately. Mutual Ministry team needs to be formed. Also, there was discussion about Offering Tellers. Pastor Ralph read in the Bylaws that the Financial Secretary & Office Secretary are to count the offering together within 48 hours of being collected. If one of them is not available, then a substitute would be found to take their place.

We need to appoint a Transition Team. There should be five individuals on this team. The Council members are to bring names to the February Council meeting, so we are able to get this team established and keep going forward with the Call Process.

Pastor Ralph is going to step back from being at all the committee meetings and focus on visiting members who are homebound or in nursing home. He will be meeting with the Nominating Committee next Wednesday to finalize for the Annual meeting.

Pastor Ralph will be meeting with Pastor Durk Peterson from Cross and Pastor Paul Backstrom from Gethsemane this Wednesday to discuss the possibility of the three churches holding a Good Friday event geared for children. More details to come.

Nominating Committee-update: Pastor Ralph met with Vera Grant, Chris & Judy Larson to talk about people and see what input they have in finding people to replace those leaving on the Council. They will be meeting again next week.

Scheduling of events for next year: Revisit in February

Annual Meeting Agenda Items:

- 2018 Budget- Covered in Treasurer's report. The Constitution/Bylaw team is proposing 2 annual meetings. January for the budget and later in the year for committee members. Then those who are snowbirds would have input as well.

January Trinity Council Minutes continued

7:30PM MINISTRY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

1. **WELCA:** Kathy reported things are on the 2018 calendar, she will be checking with Sarah to possibly add one more event for WELCA.
2. **Mission & Human Needs:** Marti Peterson reported 27 Trinity members and their families went to Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Looking to add additional dates and going quarterly. Hats & gloves were taken to Grace Place. Secret Santa was well received with Trinity sponsoring 4 families for Christmas.
3. **Youth:** Darla Feyereisen reported December cookie baking raised over \$2,000. She is continuing to fundraising for Houston.
4. **Evangelism:** Betty Johnson reported she turned in dates to Sarah for the Master Calendar and working on more Thrivent Action Teams and New member Sunday if we have any potential new members joining.
5. **Music & Worship:** Sue Frank reported she met last week with Pastor Ralph. Beginning February 4th, worship will start at 9:00 am. 30+ plants were ordered to beautify the Altar for Christmas. Sue asked some questions about the Band. The Belgium Waffle Breakfast will be Sunday, March 18th. Watch for more details to come.
6. **Property & Grounds:** Mark Iverson reported by email that there is a set schedule to hire a custodian. A help wanted as is in the Baldwin and Hammond Papers this week. Applications close on the 17th. Meeting to discuss applications on the 18th. Interviews on the 25th and 30th. Extending an offer on February 1st. New custodian will begin position the 1st full week of February.
7. **Education:** Kelly Browning sent her report via email. Tim Haugen shared attendance is steady in the BOLT program. 37 young people are registered. Special event nights are being scheduled for the rest of the year. December 17th was BOLT Christmas Program with Songs and Skits, went very well and was very well received. Next BOLT lessons are "Where is the Bible?" Offering from BOLT will be going to a local charity.
8. **Fellowship:** Deb Henry reported Blood Drive met goal set. Making cards on Sunday, January 14th after worship. Master Calendar has been shared. Thrivent calendar is still a work in progress. 2018 Fellowship serving schedule is out. Possible event: Fat Tuesday-Pancake Breakfast
9. **Stewardship:** No report.

COMMUNION HELPERS

January 21: (kneeling) Kathy Jensen, Rachel McHenry

February 4: (Intinction) Betty Johnson, Sue Frank, Rachel McHenry, Tim Haugen

TELLER VOLUNTEERS

Teller Volunteering will be done by the Financial Secretary and Office Secretary, unless one of them is not available and a substitute will be found to replace either one not available.

9:03pm Motion to adjourn by Deb Henry, Rachel McHenry Second. **Motion Carried.** Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

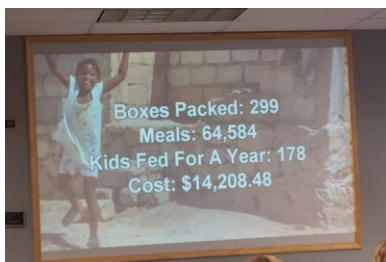
Our Next Meeting is Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Trinity

Addendum A

New 2018 Facility Request Reservations

For January 08, 2018 TLC Council meeting

Currently, No building requests



*Pictures
from
Feed My
Starving
Children*

February 2018

TRINITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



Trinity Lutheran Church



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JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM
BOLT & CONFIRMATION ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30PM

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