

The Parish Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Trinity & Georgetown Lutheran Churches
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Day Off:

Except for emergencies Pastor Diane will be using Fridays as a day of "Sabbath".

Georgetown office hours: Monday 9 to noon
Tuesday 12:30 to 4:30
Wednesday 12:30 to 4:30
Thursday 9 to noon

Trinity office hours: Monday 12:30 to 4:30
Tuesday 9 to noon
Wednesday 9 to noon
Thursday 12:30 to 4:30

Mission Statement

We are a Christian community rooted in God's love growing in Christ through reaching out and serving.

When entering the hospital, please tell the admitting personnel that you are a member of our church. Have a family member contact the church office or pastor's office so you can receive pastoral care during your hospital stay.

Like a visit from pastor? Call the church or pastor's office and request a visit or let her know on a Sunday morning.

Remember to update the church office with changes of address, phone numbers, or e-mail.

Both churches are on Facebook. Friend us on Facebook! Contact Kathy Greener at Trinity and Jody Binfet at Georgetown to have us post an event, announce in church or share a picture.

**Information for the upcoming newsletter is due **
the Thursday Morning prior to the last Sunday of each

Pastor's Ponderings

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” Luke 11: 9-10

We have been spending some weeks now in Lent concentrating on prayer. I hope that the new and different prayer types have been a good experience for those who have tried them on Wednesday nights.

Prayer is our most important communication with God for ourselves and for one another. Every ministry we do, every decision we make must be done and made prayerfully. In these days when many theologies and ways of acting are called “Christian,” I think we have a responsibility to humble ourselves before God and prayerfully consider the ways in which we represent God’s church.

It has been one year that we have been doing ministry together at Trinity and Georgetown Lutheran Churches! I am so thankful for wonderful church councils who carefully and respectfully consider what God is calling us to be and do. I am also so thankful for all of you who “ask, knock, and seek” in such faithful ways so that we can be of service to our communities.

I am most thankful to our faithful God who has seen fit to put us together as pastor and people! To God be the glory as we continue to humbly seek ways to be disciples together!

Pastor Diane

What's Going on? Ministry Opportunities to Help Serve

❖ Community Meal

This month we hold the meal the third Thursday, March 15th, at noon. Georgetown hosts a meal for anyone in the community who wants to come. The menu changes each month. There is no cost but a freewill donation is accepted. One half of the total is given to Loaves and Fishes food pantry. One half stays at the church to help cover expenses.

❖ Memorial Funds

The purpose of the Memorial Fund is to provide individuals the opportunity to honor a loved one through designated or undesignated contributions that support the ministries of our churches. Each of our churches has designated funds that have been received for this purpose. The councils are updating a list of items that would give people some options for contributing to our memorial funds.

❖ Blessing Buckets

Georgetown: Friends in Need

Trinity: God’s Work, Our Hands

❖ Council Meetings

Georgetown: Sunday, March 11th after service at Georgetown.

Trinity: Tuesday, March 20th at 6 pm at Trinity.

Special Music

We invite anyone who would like to share their musical talents with us to let your shepherding group leader know.

Shepherding Groups

Our congregational members are invited to share in the tasks of Sunday Worship: ushering, reading the lessons, preparing communion, special music, cleaning the church, mowing or shoveling snow as needed, and coffee fellowship.

Shepherding Groups are listed on the bulletin board in the narthex or fellowship hall. If you are not on a list or if you have not been contacted to help please let Pastor know or contact an elder on the council.

Shepherding Group for March Trinity:

Leader is Judy Kelch. Families helping include: Bill & Dorothea Beecroft, Paul & Ellen Bergmann, Patricia Bergmann, Liz Buchholz, Jenny & Tom Buchholz, Lisa & Rob Buchholz, Chandra & Jason Cummings, Shane Beecroft, Jerry & Robin Denver, Jane Gibson, Farmer and Kelly Freer, John & Gurinne Gall, Paul Grenquist, Penny Sundvall, Jennifer Grover. Thank you to those families who helped in February. There are now sign up sheets available on the usher's stand at Trinity for you to sign up to help with worship. Please look over the schedule and sign up to help where you feel you can. If there is no one signed up for a particular Sunday, then the Shepherding Group will fill in. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Shepherding Groups for March Georgetown:

Leaders are Mary Lou Levi & Carol Mangelsen. Families helping include: Paul & Maria Gorne, Jeremiah & Delainey Gorne, Jennifer & Nels Johnson, Vern & Arlene Olson, Dan & Carla Hagen, Erica & Cara Dueholm, Shirley Schilling, Trent & Leann Jensen & Family, Jim & Rachel Bystrom & Family, Charlotte & Randy Glenna & Family, Bronson & Jessica Beauvais & Family, Phillip Gorne, John Gorne, Duane & Stephanie Fansler, and Ansel Johnson. Thank you to those families who helped in February.

If your name is not included in a family group please contact the church office. We apologize for the omittance.

Georgetown WELCA

Meeting: There will be no Meeting in March due to Lent.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes were not available at the time of printing.

Trinity WELCA

Meeting: No information

Meeting Minutes: January WELCA 2018

We met on January 18, 2018. Gail, Ellen, Gurine, Janice, Cecelia, and Pastor Diane were in attendance.

The purpose statement was read. Pastor Diane lead the Bible Study. Which was on Multiple Meanings. Based on Mark 7:1-8. The story involves the interaction of 3 characters or character groups. Jesus, The Disciples and the Pharisees.

Pharisees criticize Jesus for not following rule that are important to them, called hypocrites because they were more concerned with human traditions that with God's commandments.

We discussed several settings.
Pharisees-Jesus

We can be like both. When we hear what the bible means to someone else, sometimes we might discover a new meaning for ourselves as well. You can wash everything in your house and you still won't be clean if you don't know Jesus. The Pharisees was the outside and not the inside. Disciples have Jesus in their heart and are clean within.

It was interesting to realize we can be like both. We had a really nice discussion about the settings we read about.

Secretaries report for November was read. They were approved by Gurine and seconded by Jan. December report was read and approved by Gail and seconded by Gurine.
There was no treasurer's report.

There was a thank you card form Bob Erickson's Family given to us, with a check for \$210.00.

We talked about the leader's training meeting, and Human Trafficking.
Jan brought a birthday card for us to sign for Vi Carlson.

Day of Renewal is April 7th. We will have to decide who will be going.

Next month Ellen will lead the Bible Study, and Kelly will serve refreshments.

We closed with a prayer, and had delicious lemon cake served by Jan.

Respectfully submitted: Ellen Bergmann-Secretary

Quilting at Georgetown

Quilting is at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays. All are Welcome!

Serenity House

Paper Towels- This is an on-going commitment to the homeless in our county. Do not forget our obligation to the Serenity House. We supply them with paper towels. Bring what you can to church and place in marked receptacle. This is an ongoing project we do joyfully.

Parish Announcements

Lenten Schedule for February 14 through April 1st:

Wednesday evenings from Feb. 21 through March 21 the schedule will be:

Georgetown: Soup Supper at 5 pm and service at 6 pm

Trinity: Soup Supper at 6 pm and service at 7: 15 pm

We will be using Holden Evening Prayer as our worship service so if you would like to help lead singing, or add an instrument to the accompaniment please let me or Sherry or Debbie or Christine know! Our focus for the meditation part of the service will be prayer and we will be learning about and experiencing different types of prayer. Some types of prayer will be meditative and reflective and some will be hand's on and creative. I hope that you will all have a chance to go deeper in your prayer life with God.

Some of the parents were wondering about First Communion Classes. There will be two classes offered to teach children in grades 3 and above who are not currently receiving the sacrament about Holy Communion:

Sunday (Palm Sunday) March 25 the first class will be held at 1 pm at Georgetown. We will learn about Passover and Maundy Thursday and the institution of the sacrament by Jesus. Then, on Wednesday March 28 at 6:30 pm at Trinity the second class will be held. We will learn about what our church teaches about the sacrament and the children will have a chance to sample the bread and wine and go over the way we receive the sacrament in our church.

Maundy Thursday, March 29 these children will receive the sacrament together for the first time at the service to be held at Trinity at 7 pm.

The Good Friday service will be held at Georgetown at 7 pm on March 30th.

Easter Sunday will be festively celebrated at our services of 9 am at Trinity and at 10:30 am at Georgetown on Sunday, April 1st!

Any questions or concerns please contact Pastor Diane.

Trinity Youth Group

The Youth Group will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on April 1st following worship. Depending on the weather, it may take place outside as well as inside. Eggs will be assembled (put the prizes into the eggs) on Sunday, March 25th. If anyone would like to donate prizes (such as stickers, individually wrapped candy, etc.) to put in the eggs, there will be a basket set up in the fellowship area.

And also...

The Youth would like to thank everyone that contributed to our Flapjack Fundraiser--we raised \$1,404.86 for clean water! Thank you!!

Trinity Sunday School

Georgetown Sunday School

Sunday School will begin each Sunday, at 9:15. We are looking for teachers to help throughout the year.

Contact Kirsten Klugow or Gretchen Frenndt if you are able to teach.

We are also going to continue with some Wednesday evening activities. Look for more information in next month's newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Newsletter Birthday and Baptism List

31 Skyler Peper
Josh Kelch

March Birthdays

1 John Sain
Betty Hanson
2 Jeanna Gibson
3 David Dittbrenner
4 Will Beecroft
Joey Glenna
6 Roy Wickstrom
Barry Wickstrom
Chazz Hegna
7 Christina Enberger
Aidan Hansen
8 Ryan Avery
Nancy Cox
Dawson Jensen
Braden Johnson
Blake Lundmark
12 Kelly Brunclik
14 Tammy Hartung
15 Diana Beecroft
Tiffany Peper
17 Alexis Kelch
Trevor Hegna
18 Justin Nystrom
Darrell Rothe
19 Terri Geldernick
Linnea Grenquist
20 Mikayla Peper
David Cran
21 John Nystrom
24 Aunia Mattson
25 Tom Weaver
Debbie Grover
Troy Long
Jim Palas
Emma Jacobs
26 Adeline Taft
Aunia Mattson
27 Craig Dueholm
28 Lola Roodell, Phil Gorne
29 Glenn Greener
Karen Wickstrom
Joanne Doornbos
30 Andy Mangelsen

March Baptisms

2 Shirley Schilling
3 Laura Jensen
4 Rochelle Zacco
5 Kimberly Hill
Amanda Rowe
8 Rob Avery
Wyatt Bergmann
Braden Johnson
Blake Lundmark
11 Cole Wickstrom
12 Kathy Grenquist
Mollie Jepsen
13 Emily Frendt
16 Amelia Kelch
19 Donna Waldbilling
23 Bradley Knutson
Carl Dueholm
24 Amanda Buchholz
Shane Buchholz
Joshua Swanson
Jason Buchholz
Alexander Hansen
Anthony Hansen
25 Josette Aderhold
Kloey Berger
26 Annaleise Geener
Alayna Kelch
Dawson Johnson
Roy Marske
Amy Busch
Jillian Anderson
Donna Johnson
Teressa Jensen
Derrick Bruncilik
28 Jason Randall
30 Tanner Freer
MacKenzie Peper
Diana Peterson
Pam Dittbrenner

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Feb. 20th 2018

Present: Mandy, Steve Kelch, Pr. Diane, Kelly, Christine, Steve Anderson, Brenda Rouzer, Treasurer

Absent: Ali Rouzer

Meeting called to order

January minutes read and approved Kelly/ Steve A.

Treasurer's report read and approved Steve K/ Steve A. January income \$5102.03,
January expense \$4626.37
Checkbook balance \$18810.05

Pastor's report:

Holden Evening Worship for Lenten services, with Prayer being the focus.

First communion classes, 5th grade- 3rd graders Palm Sunday Mar. 25 1pm at Georgetown and
Wed. Mar. 28th at 7pm at Trinity. First Communion held Maundy Thursday Mar. 29 service 7pm at Trinity.

Pastor would like the church filled with bells, flowers and Alleluias! Looking into cost of flowers
and what florist to use. Odden's was suggested.

Healthy Leaders Seminars: 3 reps from TLC Christine Anderson, Kelly Anderson and Lacy
Sellent along with Gretchen Frent from GT. Healthier Leaders Serving Healthier Communities is a one
year commitment that will help our congregations move forward in God's mission connecting to God,
connecting to each other, connecting to the world. The cost has been reduced because of a grant. Final
cost to TLC \$800 total \$400 in 2018 and remaining in 2019. Motion to approve Mandy/Steve A. Carried

Old Business:

Godly Play is on hold for Lent. Start April and May, then again in September.

Ash Wednesday service, 23 people worshipped

Palt discussed, what is left to donate and timeline of the weekend.

New Business:

New Council President Mandy Rouzer, appointed secretary Kelly Anderson

General Fund Surplus: Motion was made to pay the remaining amount for the Youth group's
water well campaign. The total raised was \$1500 plus a \$200 gift, council approved to provide remaining
balance not to exceed \$1000 Christine/ Steve K. Carried

Start a Brain Storming committee for outdoors ideas with the surplus moneys. Date and
time to be set.

Projector and Laptop, Steve A. will look into cost. Previous Palt money to help with cost.

Other ideas: Endowment, knowing needs in community, possibly being a part of other
groups to help those in need, Godly Play, training and more materials.

Synod Assembly: June 2018, looking for a male and female representative. We will be electing a
new Bishop.

Food Service License: Needed for hosting 4-14 meals to the public, \$363/yr. A person would need
to be certified, 8 hour class \$130. Valid April 2018 -July 2019. Idea of an evening monthly meal.

Council Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month, next held Mar. 20th 6pm

Look for land lease with Dittebrenner's, update.

Website/Facebook/Social Media presence for church discussed

Meeting adjourned motion Christine/ Mandy Carried

Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Present: Steve Hansen, Dale Jensen, Kirsten Kluglow, Jeanne Johnson, Charlotte Peper, Tim Frendt, Theresa Vollrath, Tom Levi, Dennis Wiese.

Also present: Pastor Diane House, Bruce Peper

President Steve Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:48am.

Pastor Diane gave her report first due to a prior engagement.

-Lenten service at Georgetown will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday evenings. There will be no soup before the service this week, but they will be held before all following services.

-1st communion class will be at 1pm on Palm Sunday and at 7pm following the Wednesday Lenten Service.

-1st communion will be on Easter Sunday.

- Some mailers/posters advertising our Holy Week and Easter schedule would be a great idea.

- The Healthy Leaders - Healthy Church class is scheduled for April 6-8, and again in October and January. Anyone able to attend is encouraged to do so. Gretchen has

volunteered to attend.

Election of Officers: Steve will continue to serve as our president

Dennis Wiese will serve as secretary

The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report were read and accepted.

The current balance is \$15,568.78

A discussion concerning the duties of the Elders, Deacons and the Trustees followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Bruce updated the council on the new sign red is the most visible color to use on the Sign. There will be no scrolling of information. The sign is very programmable. A class on programming and use of the sign is tentatively scheduled following the service on February 25th.

A discussion concerning security and access to the sign followed. Better snow plowing will make viewing of the sign much better.

NEW BUSINESS

- Hunky Dory is scheduled for the 18th of February.

- The formation of a Sunday school committee was discussed. There are issues to be resolved such as space for classes, need for additional teachers and content of classes. The formation of this committee is tabled until the March 11 council meeting.

- A new Treasure will be needed to replace the current one before mid-summer.

- Seasonal/associate membership was discussed as to requirements, responsibilities of Seasonal members, voting, etc. Steve will generate a set of requirements and responsibilities to be reviewed by the council.

- Vacation Bible School dates are set for June 20 - 22 Tim moved to set these dates, Charlotte seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:15pm. Next meeting on March 11.

Georgetown's Treasurer Report
ITEMIZED CATEGORIES – January 2018
1/1/2018 through 1/31/2018 (Cash Basis)

INCOME	4,136.55
Memorial Fund Income	35.00
Miscellaneous Income	239.50
Blessing Bucket	132.50
Community Meal	107.00
Offering	3,862.05
EXPENSES	-5,396.39
Church	-1003.26
Electric	-490.16
Garbage	- 63.00
Maintenance & Repair	-135.99
Propane	-215.00
Telephone	-99.11
Miscellaneous Expense	-298.62
Sunday school	-298.62
Mission and Youth	-105.96
Sunday school	-105.96
Office Expenses	-201.96
Ads	-149.96
Postage	-52.00
Pastor	-3,553.86
Disability	-85.11
Health Insurance	-710.50
Home Equity	-119.00
Life Insurance	-8.51
Mileage	-144.99
Retirement	-303.55
Salary	1,932.62
Social Security Tax	-249.58
Secretary	-232.73
Taxes	-232.73
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Overall Total	- 1,259.84

March 2018

This is a blank and printable March Calendar. Courtesy of WinCalendar.com

March 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30 TLC Palt Dinner 11:30-2:00	5	6	7 GLC Quilting at 1:00 pm All are Welcome! GLC Soup Supper @ 5:00 pm & Service @ 6:00 pm TLC Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm & Service @ 7:15 pm	8	9	10
11 TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30 GLC Council Meeting after service	12	13	14 GLC Quilting at 1:00 pm All are Welcome! GLC Soup Supper @ 5:00 pm & Service @ 6:00 pm TLC Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm & Service @ 7:15 pm	15 GLC Community Meal @ noon	16	17
18 TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30 **There will be an event "How to Talk to Your Kids About Drugs" held at the Cumberland Methodist Church at 7 pm.	19	20 TLC Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm	21 GLC Quilting at 1:00 pm All are Welcome! GLC Soup Supper @ 5:00 pm & Service @ 6:00 pm TLC Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm & Service @ 7:15 pm	22	23	24
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