

THE PARISH MESSENGER

The Monthly Newsletter of Trinity and Georgetown Lutheran Churches

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Mission Statement

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

Georgetown

Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Trinity

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

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 25th of each month.**

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive

Balsam Lake Community
Located at
Georgetown Lutheran Church
877 190th Ave/County Rd. G
(Fox Creek)

Monday, March 25th, 2019
12:30 PM to 6:30 PM

To schedule an appointment
please call 1-800-RED CROSS
or visit redcrossblood.org and
enter: Balsam Lake, WI



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

American Red Cross

1-800-733-2767

Download the Blood Donor App

Lent Schedule

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday Service at Trinity
5:45 Supper hosted by the Kelch family
6:30 Service

Wednesday, March 13 Lenten Service at Georgetown
5:45 Soup Supper
6:30 Service

Wednesday, March 20 Lenten Service at Trinity
5:45 Soup Supper
6:30 Service

Wednesday, March 27 Lenten Service at Georgetown
5:45 Soup Supper
6:30 Service

Wednesday, April 3 Lenten Service at Trinity
5:45 Soup Supper
6:30 Service

Wednesday, April 10 Lenten Service at Georgetown
5:45 Soup Supper
6:30 Service

Holy Week Schedule

April 18 Maundy Thursday Service at Georgetown at 6:30

April 19 Good Friday Service at Trinity at 6:30

Easter Sunday worship service at Trinity at 9:00 am, Easter
Egg Hunt following service

Easter Sunday at Georgetown: Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am
and worship service at 10:30.

Please plan to join us during Lent as we discuss and discover
how You Matter to God and to our communities. We will be
creating prayer cloth pieces each week to be woven or sewn
into banners for each church. We will worship with the
Holden Evening Prayer Service so if you would like to sing,
play an instrument, etc. let Pastor Diane, Shelly Doornink or
Debbie Wickstrom know!

Pastor's Pondering:

Mark 8: 22-25: Jesus and his disciples came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Can you see anything?" And the man looked up and said, "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

Recently, our youngest daughter's boyfriend, Tyler, got glasses. He hadn't needed glasses to help his sight until now at age 33! He was amazed at the difference glasses made to the accuracy of his vision. He was also amazed at how he had adapted to blurry vision. He had been seeing things that way for so many years that it almost felt normal.

The Faithful Innovation Network leaders (Christine Anderson, Kelly Anderson, Lacy Sellent, Gretchen Frendt, Tim Frendt, and Theresa Vollrath) and I have been asking the question, "Where do you see God at work?" We have been pondering and encouraging both congregations to look around at church, at home, at daily work, and in the community in general to observe how God is active every day. Much like Tyler and his new glasses, or the healed, blind man in the Mark text, it can take time to see in new ways.

I love this story in Mark's gospel. Jesus has to experiment to heal this man. He gives the healing one attempt and like a good eye doctor asks, "What do you see?" Upon hearing that this first attempt is less than successful, Jesus again lays hands on him and this time the healing is complete! Even our Lord did not get something right the first time!

So, we can have patience with ourselves and be encouraged to keep looking! If we don't seem to see God present and active clearly in our world, we can keep looking. It takes time to change our familiar patterns and interpretations, but with practice and dedication we can learn to look the way Jesus looks at the world and see what Jesus sees. This way we won't miss the opportunities God is putting before us to help serve and heal the world.

Pastor Diane

Youth Group Update:

March 8th, 9th, and 10th youth and their families are invited to a weekend retreat at Luther Park. The cost is \$10--additional donations will go towards covering the cost of the lodge and food expenses. Let Lacy know if you plan to attend so we know how many spots are still available.

Sunday, April 14th the youth will meet after service and assemble the eggs for the following Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt. If anyone would like to donate toys/ individually wrapped candy to put in the plastic eggs, there will be a basket in the fellowship hall.



Job Posting:

We are looking for someone who is willing to become the church secretary.

The objective of the church secretary is to assist the Pastor with weekly bulletins, church announcements, monthly newsletter; paper and email. The church secretary is hired by the church council presidents and works under the supervision of the Pastor. Monthly hours for the church secretary will not exceed 20 hours.

Position Duties:

- Type and print weekly bulletins and announcements
- Type, print and assemble monthly newsletter. Mail and email according.
- Maintain and update emails and addresses.
- Update individual church websites with current information.
- Update Georgetown's electronic sign with current information.
- Computer skills and abilities, absolutely necessary; Microsoft Office, any email system, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Publisher, Adobe PDF files.
- Must be able to work under deadlines and have considerable skill with Microsoft Office Products as well as standard office equipment. Must be able to handle and transmit information clearly over the phone or in person. Must have strong organizational skills.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the church secretary. They are not intended to be construed as a list of all responsibilities. Please contact Pastor Diane if you are interested in this position.

Trinity Shepherding Groups

Bill & Kelly Anderson: Mandy/Mike Rouzer, Pam/Ed Dittbrenner, Glenn/Kathy Greener, Albert Hanson, Liz Hanson, Heidi Wagner, James Springsteen, Emilie Springsteen, Ernie Riewestahl, Jeanette Niemann, Kathy Briese, Oscar/Beverly Schmidt, Wayne Kendrick, Dee Wagner

Joann & Rick Sellent: Pam Avery, Dennis/Gail Anderson, Diana/Ken Beecroft, Jan/Ray Clark, Kathy/Sam Grenquist, Brenda/Tim Rouzer, Lacy Sellent, Jordan Sellent, Travis/Marie Sellent

Steve Anderson: Lesa/Mickey Allen, Alison Anderson, Christine Anderson, Ben Anderson, Terry/Dona Lundmark, Debbie/Don Grover, Larry/Nancy Grover, Roy Marske, Bonnie/Jim Niemann, Roland/Cecelia Renstrom, JR/Jamie Shaffer, Barry/Debbie Wickstrom, Brian/Jamie Wickstrom, Mercedes Wickstrom

Josh & Shannon Kelch: Darren/Tonya Johnson, Jan/Norman Anderson, Chad/Staci Lundmark, Tim/Peggy Lundmark, Lexi Kelch, Tom/Anna Weaver, Linda Weaver, Diane/Kevin Wickstrom

Judy Kelch: Bill/Dorothea Beecroft, Paul/Ellen Bergmann, Patricia Bergmann, Liz Buchholz, Tom/Jenny Buchholz, Rob Buchholz, Chandra/Jason Cummings, Shane Beecroft, Jerry/Robin Denver, Jane Gibson, John/Gurine Gall, Paul Grenquist, Penny Sundvall, Jennifer Grover, Allie Snowbank

2019

2020

January- Judy Kelch
 February - Joann & Rick Sellent
 March - Steve Anderson
 April - Josh & Shannon Kelch
 May - Bill & Kelly Anderson
 June - Judy Kelch
 July - Joann & Rick Sellent
 August - Steve Anderson
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Georgetown's Shepherding Group

March & July

Mary Lou Levi & Carol Mangelsen

- Tom Levi, Pete Mangelsen
- Paul & Maria Gorne
- Jeremiah & Delaney Gorne
- Jennifer & Jeremy Johnson & family
- Vern Olson
- Dan & Carla Hagen
- Erica Dueholm
- Cara Ford, Shirley Schilling
- Trent & Leann Jensen

- Jordan & Chelsey Jensen
- Jim & Rachael Bystrom
- Nikki Bystrom
- Kevin Bystrom
- Dennis & Annie Weise
- Larry & Diane Veenendall
- Jim & Denise Heinz
- Bronson & Jessica Beauvais, Hailey, Trinity,
- Phillip Gorne, John Gorne



Georgetown Lutheran Church

Income and Expenses-January 2019
1/1/2019 through 1/31/2019 (Cash Basis)

	Amount
Income	\$4577.50
Misc. Income	\$204.5
Blessings Bucket	\$50.00
Community Meal	\$154.50
Expenses	-\$3,979.06
Church	-\$395.37
Garbage	-\$63.00
Propane	-\$233.00
Telephone	-\$99.37
Office Expenses	-\$54.00
Postage	-\$54.00
Pastor	-\$3529.69
Disability Benefit	-\$69.75
Health Insurance	-\$768.00
Home Equity	-\$119.00
Life Insurance	-\$5.58
Mileage	-\$122.63
Retirement	-\$298.53
Salary	-\$1952.00
Social Security Tax	-\$194.20
Overall Total	\$598.44

Trinity Council Meeting

February 19, 2019

Members Present: Allie Snowbank, Steve Anderson, Brenda Rouzer, Pastor Diane House, Christine Anderson, Debbie Wickstrom, JoAnn Sellent, John Gall



Dwelling in the Word Devotions (Acts 16:6-15)

Meeting Called to order

Officers elected for 2019: President: Steve Anderson, Secretary: Christine Anderson

The council meeting calendar is set for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at Trinity.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from 1/15/19 council meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes as written made by Steve A./ Debbie W. Minutes approved. Minutes from 1/27/2019 annual meeting were read and reviewed. Minutes will be approved by congregation at the next annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The general report is posted on the kiosk for congregational reference each month. Motion to approve Treasurers report approved as written was made by Allie S/Debbie W. Report Approved. Treasurer will provide a summary of budgeted amount and current giving to be printed in the bulletin each quarter. This will begin the end of the first quarter (March, 2019).

Pastor's Report:

- Music License bill is due. Brenda R. will pay and bill Georgetown for half.
- Cumberland Post-Prom committee is asking for donations. Motion to donate \$25 made by Christine A./JoAnn S. Motion carried.
- Attended a Synod Opioid Epidemic information session at Luther Park. All attendees received a free Tool kit resource with book and video to help congregations understand and respond to the situation. Council and congregation is challenged to continue to think about how to best use these resources and to respond.

A few recommendations are:

- Provide a welcome/non-judgmental space for people to hold recovery meetings (AA, Al-Anon, etc).
- Increase congregational/community awareness
- Focus on Mental Health (all ages)
- Lenten Services will be held following the WOW schedule of every other week at Trinity/Georgetown. Ash Wednesday will be at Trinity on March 6th.
 - Dinner and worship & activity 5:45-7:30pm each week
 - Holden Evening Prayer liturgy
 - Each week will focus on a different "You Matters Here" topic (You Matter, Grace Matter, Forgiveness Matters, etc)

Old Business:

- We are still looking for a parish secretary shared by Trinity and Georgetown. Hoping to meet with Georgetown Council soon to discuss salary details.
 - Pastor is currently writing, printing and distributing newsletter and bulletins each week. A discussion was held about ways to remove secretarial tasks so the pastor can focus time on other congregational/community ministries.
- Youth group Escape Room was a great experience! Thank you to Lacy for the good job she is doing to organize activities for our youth.

New Business:

Youth Group Activities

- Tubing at Trollhaugen Feb. 23rd
- Luther Park Retreat for middle and high school March 8-10.
- Palt Dinner will be March 3rd.
- The safe needs fixing.
- Allie S. has a copy of the Building Use Policy recently drafted for the council to review and revise at the March meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christine/Allie. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes respectfully Submitted by Christine Anderson

"How good and pleasant it is when
God's people live together in
unity!"- Psalm 133:1

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Visit our website at:

<http://www.trinitylutheranchurchmckinley.com>



Bible Study Invitation

Most mainline scholars believe Mark was the first Gospel written. In this study, Reading Mark with Fresh Eyes, As If It Is the Only Gospel, Wayne Kendrick will attempt to lead us through Mark as if we had never read it or heard of the Jesus it portrays. The goal will be to meet Jesus for the first time through Mark's portrayal. Ideally, the study would be held alternating between Trinity and Georgetown, but Wayne is open to holding two sessions, one at Georgetown, one at Trinity. Alternatively, a daytime and a nighttime session are possible, if one workable time and day can not be found.

If interested in this study, please fill out the attached information and place in the offering or email Wayne at wjkendrick@gmail.com. The study will begin in late April.



My best day and time _____

Not the best day or time, but willing _____

Willing to meet at both Georgetown & Trinity Y or N

Can meet only at Georgetown (Check) _____

Can meet only at Trinity (Check) _____

Name _____

Phone _____